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Peace On Earth Good Will To Men

Another Christmas is upon us. It is time again to take stock of our blessings. Let us put aside our material desires and look upon things more spiritual.

We have not yet reached the goal for which we are striving. But we are making progress. Labor is advancing, labor is on the march. The American laboring man of law abiding intent stands higher in the hearts of American people today than at any time in history. The nation has seen lawlessness, destruction and definance from a minority claiming it represents American labor.

But the nation knows better. It has no sympathy for lawlessness. It does not condone seizure of property. Thus American business has placed the stamp of approval on the American Federation of Labor for its methods. Calm mediation without intimidation. Giving a point here to gain a point there. Labor progress and not strife, not bloodshed, not hatred. Progress builded slowly but surely. Progress that will stand for years to come. Progress advancing step by step but successfully toward its rightful place in the American picture.

Let us repeat. The goal has not been reached, but we are building on a bedrock of security. And security comes at the head of our blessings. Security. Think of the many things that word protects the laboring man against. Illness and injury which means unemployment. Independence against a money-less old age. A place in the sun with fellow-craftsmen safe with the knowledge that you have builded an institution that insures these benefits for you.

Truly security should head the list of our blessings. Let time work its ravages. You can smile and calmly await the great reward because you have builded, and your brother has builded an institution that stands like a Gibraltar, yes, a Gibraltar of security for you.

Peace on earth good will to men.

Let us pray for those men and nations today who do not have peace and security. Let us pray for peace and then let us hope that those men will find a way to build security, security through union and working for a common goal.

Let us be thankful for our blessing and let us work for progress and unity.

Important Social Security Act Amendments

There is a general opinion in the organized labor movement and other progressive forces that the social security act in its present form is far from perfect and should be amended so as to more fully meet the requirements imposed by social and economic conditions existing in the United States.

Reliable estimates indicate that although approximately 35,000,000 persons are covered by the old-age insurance section of the act there are around 13,000,000 who are barred from benefits by the express terms of the act itself.

In the field of unemployment compensation it is estimated that the social security act and state unemployment compensation laws complying with its requirements exclude approximately 24,000,000 out of 48,000,000 gainfully employed persons.

In addition to the discrimination in the federal act against a large number of workers, many of the state unemployment compensation laws bar workers with firms employing less than eight persons, in some instances less than four persons, and specifically disqualify for unemployment compensation workers engaged in legitimate strikes.

Furthermore, it is apparent that the federal old-age insurance section of the social security act does not provide in all instances pensions large enough to support the recipients in that degree of comfort to which their long years of service in industry entitle them and which decent living standards require.

To correct these injustices the 1937 convention of the American Federation of Labor, recently held in Denver, after considering an exhaustive report made by the federation's executive council, recommended that, as a beginning, the social security act be amended so as to provide coverage for agricultural workers and for all employes in work shops, mills, mines and factories. This amendment will remove the wholly unwarranted discrimination against many millions of workers with regard to both federal old-age insurance and unemployment compensation.

The convention also recommended that workers engaged in legitimate strikes should be included among those entitled to benefits provided by the act.

In addition, the convention urged that within five years after taxes to be used in financing the social security act are ordered paid that minimum federal old-age pensions shall not be less than $30 per month.

Finally, the A. F. of L. convention recommended that the social security act be amended so as to require state unemployment compensation laws to relieve employes from contributing to unemployment compensation funds, thus bringing the state laws into line with the social security act which collects such taxes exclusively from employers. "We maintain," the convention declared, "that the entire cost for unemployment insurance should be borne by industry. Workers who are the victims of unemployment should not be required to contribute out of their net earnings to unemployment insurance funds."

The passage of the social security act, with all its desirable features, was secured through the influence and support of the American Federation of Labor. Not only the executive officers of the federation, but also state federations of labor and city central bodies, local organizations and individual members of organized labor urged favorable consideration of the act upon members of congress. It is not an exaggeration to say that this concentrated and unanimous demand for the enactment of the law by organized labor and its friends was largely responsible for the favorable consideration which the act received by federal legislators.

Don't be afraid to ask that building trades mechanic for his union card. If he hasn't one . . . tell him he's not needed on the job.

LABOR TEMPLE TO OPEN SOON

Hundreds Visit New Temple As Workmen Complete "Home for Labor"

With only the first floor to complete, organized labor's home on Webster street will be opened within three weeks, according to W. W. Paterson, president of the labor temple association.

Hundreds of members of union labor and their friends have visited the new structure during the past week. All have complimented the association for their splendid progress in making a "new home for labor" possible in Alameda county.

The new home will accommodate practically the entire membership of organized labor affiliated with the central labor and building trades councils of Alameda county. Only bona fide AFL unions will be allowed to rent from the association.

Three of the largest size halls in the city of Oakland, also four medium size halls are found in the new building. Twenty-five beautiful offices with all modern improvements have been rented to date by the association. It is acclaimed the most up-to-date labor temple in the west.

"Much credit is due the workmen donating their services to make the new home possible," Paterson said today. "These men have given of their time freely every Saturday and Sunday and it is due to their untiring services that Alameda county can now boast of a beautiful labor temple."

Workmen donating their services are: laborers, bricklayers, lathers, plasterers, hod carriers, painters, sign painters, cement finishers, tile setters, steam fitters, glass workers, roofers, engineers and many others.

The labor temple association is incorporated under the laws of the state of California. Headquarters are in the old labor temple on 11th street.

Only a few offices are available. Unions should contact the association secretary for office or hall space.

Chiselers do not harmonize with the Christmas spirit. Buy union label gifts!

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERIES
Luzitana, 10415 E. 14th Street
Foster's White Lunches
Dad's Cookie Co., 414 23rd Avenue
Blohms Bakery, 5852 Foothill Blvd.

BEAUTY PARLORS
Alice Ames, 1547 San Pablo, Oakland and 2215 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley
Passadori Shop, 3337 Lakeshore Ave.
Ann Beauty Shop, 3831 E. 14th Street
Silver's Beauty Shop, 1577 E. 38th Street

CLEANING AND DYEING
McFarland Cleaners, 1894 University Ave. nue, Berkeley

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland, and 1845 Solano Avenue, Berkeley

GROCERY STORES
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Ruebling Meat Market 3803 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville
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Silver Grill, 16th and Clay Streets
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All White Log Taverns
Cat & Fiddle Inn, 37 Grand Avenue
Foster's White Lunches
Bluett Fountain Food Shops, 3232 Grand

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Richfield Oil Co., Petroleum & Ferry Sts. Oakland
A. K. Wilson Co., 2400 High St.
Wunder Bottling Co., 830 Isabella
Cadaco Co., 10th and Union Streets
East Bay News
Cudahy Packing Co.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.
Central French Laundry, 425 Foothill
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway
Kroehler Manufacturing Company
California Nursery Co., Niles, Calif.
Barber Shop, 474 Eighth Street
Varsity Barber Shop, 2305 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Avenue
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies Home Journal
Country Gentlemen
Standard Oil Company of California
Leamington Barber Shop
Barber Shop, 435 Twelfth Street
Leed's Shoe Store, 1315 Washington St.
Peerless Boiler Shop, 2020 E. 12th St.
Pioneer Farm Creamery, Berkeley
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Knut Nelson, 2534 14th Avenue
M. J. Schmitt, 2217 Grant Street

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O'Keefe & Merritt Stove Co., Los Angeles
Lingren & Swinnerton Co.
A. French, Painter, Alameda
Palmolive-Peet Co., Berkeley
Forderer Cornice Co.
L. B. Hooker Co.
Harold Childers, 580 58th Street
Standard Fence Company
California Ornamental Iron & Fence Co.
Marshall Steel Co., Laundry and Dry Cleaners
Newberry Store, 19th and Broadway
Ansel Electric, 1401 Park, Alameda
Burr & Son, Painting
Kalem Laundry, Berkeley
Kimblad Heating Co.

JOURNAL LIGHTS
By FRANK BURKE

Cox Upsets the Apple Cart—

Don't look now, but, I think Mr. Cox, former secretary of the ILA is giving something away that has the smell of "more truth than poetry."

Said Cox in a press statement last week:

"Harry Bridges, the CIO director on the Pacific coast, knows something about Mr. Hpgan's disappearance, and several other well known labor men are slated for the skids."

Mr. Cox is suing the ILA, 5,000 John Does, Mr. Bridges and several movie stars for $5,000,000.

Maybe Mr. Cox knows too much . . . and maybe it will come out in the wash . . . the trial.

Slaping Back At A Strikebreaker—

The miracle of miracles!

Black Jack Jerome, strikebreaker de luxe, has made the headlines again only this time it's not strikebreaking, it's "trying to defraud our citizenry by using the United States mails."

Black Jack, in the past years, has broken many a head and back of union men during a strike. Now it seems Black Jack has entered another kind of business, that of defrauding the public . . . at the same time trying to break the back of Uncle Sam by using his mails to gain for himself more money to place along side of the millions paid for breaking strikes.

Black Jack is getting some of his own medicine. . . . He's not fooling with a little business when he's fooling with Uncle Sam. He won't have "big business" supporting him now as he did during the many strikes he busted. . . . He won't break Sam like he tried to break the unions.

It's slapping back at you Black Jack . . . and Uncle Sam will go the limit.

George's Dirty Linen Washed in Court—

Another well known "buster of unions" also gained headline publicity in the dailies last week. . . He is the well known "Billy" George of "industrial association" fame.

George is the same person that led the San Francisco industrial association in war against everythng that was union in the city by the Golden Gate in 1921. He's the same boy that said everything must be "open shop or American plan" in our fair city. He's the same boy, through his industrial association, that formed the famous "impartial wage board" that cut the workers' wages whenever they seen fit to do so.

He's the same "Billy" with his industrial association that caused such a turmoil in the building industry all the years until 1936.

Now, according to complaint of his wife, or wives, he hasn't been any too "pure" himself.

It goes that way . . . when you kick the other fellow when he's down it's no honor . . . but when the foot meets you squarely in the pants on the rebound it generally hurts twice as much, and sometimes the foot is not withdrawn . . . and like Black Jack Jerome . . . like Mr. George.

It hurts, but think of the thousands you hurt since 1921, Billy!

METAL COUNCIL BACKS REARDON ON ACCIDENT BD.

In resolution form the metal trades council of San Francisco recommended to Governor Merriam the reappointment of Timothy A. Reardon to the industrial accident commission of the state of California. Reardon's term of office expires January 15, 1938.

Reardon, recommended as the working man's choice, has been a member of organized labor for the past 35 years. He has been of valuable assistance to the trade union movement of California and hundreds of trade unions are requesting the governor to reappoint him in January.

Upholsterers Not Affiliated with CIO

The upholsterers' union of the A. F. of L. has not decided to join the C. I. O., it was emphasized this week by Sal B. Hoffman, president of the organization of New York.

The C. I. O. recently held a "unity conference" of furniture organizations in Washington and Hoffman was among those present. Following that meeting, it was announced Hoffman had decided to withdraw his union from the A. F. of L.

Hoffman denies that any such decision was made. He and other upholsterers' union officials present at the conference agreed, however to submit the question of affiliation to a referendum of the union.

No Meeting of Labor Council 'Till Jan. 3

Monday evening the central labor council here postponed all meetings until after the holidays.

Next meeting will be Monday evening, January 3, 1938.

Officers of the council extended the season's best wishes to the membership of organized labor in Alameda county on adjournment.

Laundry Workers Take Strike Vote To Enforce Pact

Laundry Workers' Union, Local No. 2, voted to strike unless their agreement is signed within a certain date. The vote carried by 718 to 108.

A committee from the central labor council along with a like committee from the union are now in negotiations with the employers. The laundry workers are asking for a slight increase in wages along with a signed contract.

Fourteen laundries are involved.

Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers Elect Officers

East Bay Cities Corrugated Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers' Union, Local No. 382, elected their officers for the year 1938 at a recently held meeting. The following were elected to represent the union for the ensuing year:

President and business representative, Frank Moran; vice president, Edward O'Shea; secretary-treasurer, Harry C. Gilmore, and recording secretary, L. Aikens.

Delegates to the Central Labor Council of Alameda county, Harry O. Gilmore, Caryl Curtis, Ralph Curtis and C. F. Gaines.

The dance and entertainment recently held by the union was reported as a financial success.

BEAUTICIANS AGAIN ASK SUPPORT OF UNION LABOR

Dora Lewis, secretary of Beauticians' Union, No. 134-A has again appealed to the wives and daughters of union labor men to patronize only beauty shops that display the working card of the international union.

"Places advertising cheap prices also use cheap labor and materials," Miss Lewis said. "Union beauticians deserve your undivided support and patronage. When patronizing a union beauty shop you are keeping out the chiseler, poor materials and peon wages."

Miss Lewis says the union card is on display in all prominent beauty parlors.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BAKERS' UNION

Members of Bakers' Union, Local No. 119, in annual election of officers Saturday night, elected the following to office:

Fred Wolpert, president; Dave Kelly, vice president; C. H. Bullock, financial secretary-treasurer; Otto Muschner, business representative; Geo. Hoffman, Mike Sweeney and E. E. Stack, trustees.

Executive board members, Walter Kiel, R. Dopler, C. Strutz, Geo. McFarlane, D. Blowers, F. Holmes, F. Lockyear and Mike Sweency. Delegates to joint executive board, Geo. McFarlane, Mike Sweeney, Otto Muschner and William Wagner. District council delegate, E. E. Stack. Sergeant-at-arms, Geo. McFarlane.

Delegates to central labor council, Otto Muschner, C. H. Bullock, Oscar Dittmar and Mike Sweeney. Delegate to union label league, Mike Sweeney.

Organizing Drive Is Gaining Momentum

Some time ago the trades and labor congress of Canada, with the consent of the A. F. of L. and affiliates, took jurisdiction over the textile workers in Canada.

Now it is announced that nine local unions have been chartered, the latest in Hull, P. Q., and that the drive to unionize the remainder of the 50,000 textile workers of this country is making satisfactory progress.

Cutlery Workers Win

As a result of a 3-to-1 representation election victory, the cutlery workers' union, A. F. of L., was certified this week by the national labor relations board as the exclusive bargaining agency for all production employes of the Ontario Knife company, Franklinville, N. Y.

Laundry Drivers' Election Dec. 21

Laundry Wagon Drivers' Union No. 209 will elect officers next Tuesday, December 21, in Athens hall, Pacific building, 16th and Jefferson streets, Oakland. Polls will open at 6 p. m. and remain open until 9 p. m.

Members must have their due books with them in order to vote.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
(Signed)
L. V. WALKER, President
B. F. COURANT, Secretary.

THEATRICAL UNION HAS AGREEMENTS WITH 26 THEATRES

Organized within the past nine months, Theatrical Employes' Union, Local No. B-82, composed of cashiers, doormen, usherettes, matrons, page boys and porters, now boasts the signing of an agreement with 26 theatres in the east bay district.

The new pay scale, ranging from 45 to 52½ cents an hour, is paid by the following theatres:

Golden State Theatre circuit, fifteen theatres; Fox West Coast circuit, eight theatres, and the Blumenfeldt circuit, three theatres.

The union voted recently to maintain an office in the new labor temple when completed.

INDEPENDENT STATION OWNERS AGREE WITH EMPLOYES' UNION

Sixteen Richfield independent gas service station owners agreed to operate union this week, according to Louis Rossi, business representative of the garage employes' local union.

These stations, according to Rossi, display the union card of the brotherhood of teamsters. Where a card appears your patronage is welcome. Do not in any way patronize a Richfield station that does not display a union card, Rossi said.

Last week the local labor council placed all Richfield stations on the "We Don't Patronize" list due to their refusal to recognize the union. During the week, however, sixteen independents declared themselves for the union.

Rossi said that other gas companies are "dumping" gasoline into Richfield tanks. These companies will be declared as "unfair" also unless this practice is stopped.

CABINET SHOPS HERE DISPLAY CARPENTERS' LOCAL UNION LABEL

Two local cabinet shops were listed today as strictly union by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners' Union, Local No. 1799. The two firms, Walstead Cabinet shop and E. S. J. Child company, were the two latest firms to receive the union label.

Patronage of the stores that handle products of the above firms is requested by the brotherhood.

Several other shops will be granted the union label when an adjustment is reached with the mattress manufacturing plants of San Francisco.

HAWKINS PRESENTS FIVE AGREEMENTS

Five more building trades council agreements were presented to the local trades council Tuesday evening by Business Representative Glen Hawkins.

All agreements were from Hawkins' territory, southern Alameda county.

Four were signed by building contractors and one by a plastering contractor.

Hawkins reported that southern Alameda county is fast becoming organized.

CARMEN SEATED IN CENTRAL COUNCIL

Delegates representing Carmen's Union, Division 192, affiliated with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes of America, were seated in the local labor council Monday.

Council delegates voted unanimously to seat the carmen. Division 192 has been out of the council since the council's charter was revoked several months ago.

Monthly Meeting Of Typos Next Sunday

Regular monthly meeting of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, will be held Sunday morning (December 19) at 10 o'clock in Danish hall, 164 11th street, between Madison and Jackson streets.

The sick committee for the month of January has been appointed. They are:

Chairman, William Bunn; vice chairman, John Fraser; R. A. Pisani, L. B. Porgorzelski, Mrs. E. Pratt, J. W. Pratt and U. M. Randall.

Members of the typographical union request that you do not patronize the following:

Piedmont press, Standard Oil company, Saturday Evening post, Ladies' Home journal and the Country gentleman.

Carpenters Hold Annual Xmas Party

Approximately 1,000 members of Carpenters' Union, Local No. 36, attended the annual Christmas party held in Elks' hall Saturday night.

Some 500 children attended also and were given toys and candy. A dance followed the entertainment.

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GREEN STRESSES VALUE OF OFFICE EMPLOYES' INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

A. F. of L. President Says New Group of White Collar Workers Has Already Enrolled More Than Fifty Unions

The underlying importance and rapid growth of the recently organized American federation of office employes' international council was emphasized by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter sent to over seven hundred central labor unions and to volunteer American Federation of Labor organizers urging them to give 100 per cent support to the organization drive among white collar workers which the council is promoting.

Council Covers Broad Field

"I am writing to officially advise you of the formation of a national council composed of local unions of office workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labor," Mr. Green's letter said.

"The membership of these local unions is made up of stenographers, bookkeepers, typists and office assistants employed at office work, other than those employed in the federal, state, city and county governments.

"This new council, formed at Denver, Colo., recently, is designated as the American federation of office employes' international council. Its officers are: President, Frank Weikel of Washington, D. C., and secretary, Miss Geneva M. Marsh of New York city.

White Collar Workers Are Ready for Organization

"Fifty or more local unions of office workers have been organized and are in direct affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

"There is a pressing need for the extension of organizing work in this field. I therefore earnestly request that you lend your assistance and counsel to the local union of office employes in your city if one exists; and if none have been organized, I request that you immediately put forth efforts to organize such a local union of office workers.

"A fine opportunity presents itself to answer the widespread requests for organization of white collar workers and I am anxious that the American Federation of Labor respond as fully as possible.

"Information relative to the formation of local unions, as well as organizing literature, are available at A. F. of L. headquarters and will be sent to you promptly upon request.

Printers' Pact Signed By Nashville Banner

After eight years of industrial strife following a strike of members of the Nashville Typographical Union in 1929, the Nashville Banner has again become a member of the printers' union family.

This creditable achievement was realized when James G. Stahlman, president of the Banner and president of the American Newspaper Publishers association, signed a closed shop contract identical with the one already in operation on the other Nashville newspapers.

The contract, which went into effect Dec. 6, stipulated the employment of a member of the union as foreman, with the provision that he shall select his force first from members of the union who would otherwise have been out of employment by the suspension of the evening edition of the Tennessean.

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Fewer Hoboes on R. R.

Evidently railroad hoboes are on the decrease for in six months of this year, 80,000 fewer trespassers were apprehended on railroad property than during the same months in 1936. This fact was included in a recent report of the Association of American Railroads representing eighty railway systems. The report states that approximately 4,000,000 trespassers are shooed off trains or other railroad property in the average year. Records for four months of 1937 show that 888 such tespassers lost their lives and 937 were injured in accidents while on railroad property.

LABOR IN NATION'S CAPITAL ADVANCES

Ten Thousand New Members in Many Locals Raise Number of A. F. of L. Unions to 168

Organized labor in the nation's capital, keeping pace with the swift surge of wage earners into the encompassing protection of the American Federation of Labor, has been scoring sensational gains, adding at least 10,000 new members and winning numerous struggles for better wages and improved working conditions.

Besides substantial growth by old-established locals, at least ten new local unions have been organized.

Regarded by some as chiefly concerned with government employes, general unions are more numerous and are proving effective.

Government employes who have a trade, of course, such as printers, bookbinders, pressmen, machinists, electricians and many others, belong to their regular craft organization.

There are now 168 A. F. of L. organizations in the District of Columbia, with an estimated membership of 118,000.

All Unions Share in Progress

Under the leadership of the strong central labor union and the building trades council, aided by the union label league and several councils of allied crafts, practically every group and every local reports progress.

This progress is materially assisted and accurately recorded by The Trades Unionist, official local labor newspaper since 1895, edited by John B. Colpoys since 1912, under whose auspices also the "Labor News Review" radio program, said to be the oldest of its kind in the United States, is presented every week.

Among new local unions organized recently are: front of the theatre employes, film exchange employes, mattress workers, oxygen workers, elevator starters and operators, building service employes, newspaper drivers and helpers, meat cutters and butcher workmen, warehouse employes and several new lodges of government workers.

Milk Drivers, Dairy Employes and Truck Drivers Add Hundreds of New Members

Among the numerous gains recorded by old-established local unions are included: nearly 1,000 new members by Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees No. 246; over 1,200 new members of the retail clerks, several hundred new members by Truck Drivers No. 639, and so on throughout a long list.

Building Trades Win Capitol Strike

While peaceful negotiations form the basis of most gains, the militancy of the capital's labor movement is attested by several strikes, always used as a "last resort," every one of which so far have been won by the unions concerned.

Among recent strikes was that of 400 members of seven building trades working on air-conditioning, including heating arrangements, in the capitol group of buildings, resulting in a clean-cut victory.

"Union Label Week" in Washington was featured by the second annual union label exhibit and carnival of the Washington union label league, with 35 splendid exhibits and a brilliant array of other events attesting the progress of local unions and extolling the desirability of always demanding union label products and union services.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

CINCINNATI LAUNDRY OWNERS SWINDLE WORKERS OUT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Over Fifty Charges Filed by Laundry Union Alleging Violation of Minimum Wage Law; Two Thousand Strikers Put Up Solid Front with Food Stations and Militant Picketing

The saga of Cincinnati's striking laundry workers continues to unfold, revealing a struggle by a small group that is big time.

Laundry Workers' Local Union No. 248, finding it necessary to go on strike because employers refused to negotiate satisfactory wage agreements and improvement of deplorable working conditions, have proven steadfast for over two months. Laundry drivers, engineers and firemen are also out.

Twelve Laundries Involved

At last report, 2,000 members of the union were on strike against 12 laundries. Food distributing centers were established in Cincinnati and in Covington, Ky., just across the Ohio river, where sympathetic unionists of other crafts are helping to provide funds to feed the strikers.

Picketing has been carried on regularly and public support has been gained as more and more revelations are made of rank wage chiseling and vile working conditions imposed by a hard-boiled group of employers on low-paid, hard-working wage earners.

State Sends Investigators

So far, over 50 charges have been prepared for filing against the struck laundry managements for violating Ohio's minimum wage law. Other charges are expected. Three civil suits were settled out of court, involving payment of back wages to striking laundry workers, under the minimum wage code for the laundry industry.

The division of minimum wage, Ohio department of industrial relations, sent two additional investigators, following a personal preliminary investigation by Miss Elaine Sheffler, chief of the division.

Union officials estimate that one firm alone owes its employes back wages of nearly $1,000, due to previous chiseling, which was partly responsible for the strike. Claims may total nearly $5,000.

Cooperative Laundry Started

In the meantime, a cooperative laundry plant started operations on November 15, and plans were being furthered for opening two other plants on a similar basis. All employes are members of the laundry workers' union and the laundry drivers' union.

The recalcitrant employers received another headache when the laundry drivers' union charged that operators of the struck laundries owed them back wages totaling $40,000, because, they contended, they were locked out in violation of their contract when plant owners permitted the strike to close laundry routes.

It was likewise reported that several cases of violation of the national labor relations act by laundry owners have been uncovered.

Mediation Board Is Named

The hard fight conducted by the union finally brought about appointment of a mediation board to attempt to work out a settlement. The board is composed of two representatives of the strikers and two of laundry owners, with Dr. Francis Bird, of the University of Cincinnati, acting as a neutral member.

Neither party obligated itself in advance to accept a decision by the board, but it was regarded as real progress, for no negotiation or mediation was possible until the union proved its solidarity and gained public support for its cause.

N. Y. PRESSMEN RATIFY 3-YEAR AGREEMENT

New Contract Provides Wage Increases and Forty-One Hour Week for 1700 Members

The three-year contract, extending to July 1, 1940, between New York Printing Pressmen's Union No. 2 and the Publishers' association of New York city, was recently approved by the union by a vote of 543 to 287. The vote followed approval by a voice vote at a special meeting June 28 and was conducted by secret ballot. The union has a membership of about 1700 journeymen and 600 juniors.

The contract established the 41-hour work week and provides for wage increases of $2 per week the first year, $2 weekly the second year and $1 weekly the third year.

$40,000,000 Fund Ready *For Massachusetts Idle*

Between 70,000 and 75,000 unemployed persons are expected to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, when payments are started under the Massachusetts law, January 1, 1938.

The fund accumulated appears to be ample, however, the Massacusetts unemployment compensation commission having a fund of forty million dollars available.

With an average of about $10 a week for twelve weeks expected, the existing fund with continuing contributions could take care of 325,000 persons, which is about 25 per cent of all persons in the state who are covered by the unemployment insurance law.

Boarding Out Alimony

Back in 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Cady were divorced and Cady was ordered to pay his wife $7 a week alimony. Cady soon married again, this time a wdow with a twelve-year-old son. Times becoming harder, Cady was unable to pay the alimony and as his first wife had no other means of support, she just moved in with her former husband and Mrs. Cady No. 2. It is a strange relationship, but the "family" of four have now lived together in apparent peace and happiness for five years.

No Gas for Drunks

Sale of gasoline to automobile drivers "visibly intoxicated" has been ordered stopped by District of Columbia officials. Under the proposed regulation, gas station attendants would refuse to give any service to a car if the driver appeared to be intoxicated. More than 600 gasoline distributors have agreed to support the measure. The plan of the district to curb drunken driving is to halt the source of supply—not of liquor, but of gasoline. Why not include the source of booze?

Is This "Boondoggling"?

Relief labor and $70,808,617 of federal money have been used during the year to improve the nation's airports and airways, Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, disclosed this week.

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SIX YEAR OLD CHILDREN ARE FOUND ON SOUTHERN PAYROLLS

Child Labor Investigators Disclose Almost Incredible Conditions; Shrimp Packing and Tiff Mining Industries Worst Offenders; 48 Per Cent Increase in Juvenile Workers

Strongly recommending enactment of anti-child labor legislation at this special session of congress, the national child labor committee made public last week, a report showing that the exploitation of children by greedy employers is increasing.

This increase dates back to the supreme court's slaughter of the NRA. All of the industrial codes in effect then prohibited child labor. When restrictions were removed, "child labor increased unabated," the committee said.

During the last six months of 1936, there were 48 per cent more children working than had been in industry during the same period in 1935, the committee said.

Worst Offenders

Two of the worst offenders, the committee declared, are the shrimp-packing industry in the southern gulf states and the tiff mines in Missouri.

These mine children, committee investigators found, start to work with pick and shovel before they are 10 years of age, or turn heavy windlass cranks from seven to 10 hours a day. The average wage is $1.48 a week per person in a tiff-mining family of six—including both adults and children.

The committee found some "homes" in the tiff-mining region where as many as 10 persons were living in one room.

"These conditions would have been almost incredible in the blackest days of child labor in the eighteenth century," said the St. Louis "Times-Star" in a blistering editorial pointing out that the committee's disclosures should "overthrow the defenders of child labor" and lead to the passage of federal legislation prohibiting it.

Incredible Conditions

The committee found almost incredible conditions prevailing in the shrimp industry. Backed up with photographs, the committee's report tells of six-year-old girls who are required to report for work at 3 a. m.

In addition to receiving only a few cents an hour for their labor, these children work under the most dismal conditions, the committee said.

The sheds where they work are usually unheated, the floors are often wet with water and slippery with shrimp hulls, and the tiny workers' hands suffer from the effects of penetrating acid given off by the shrimps' heads.

The Louisville "Courier-Journal" reproduced photographs of these child workers under the caption, "Slaves of King Shrimp."

Work Opportunities Fell During October

Secretary Perkins Reports Only 303,286 Secured Jobs Through Federal Services in Month

The drop of employment by private industry which marked the most notable part of the current "recession" occurred during the month of October, when the number of placements by the U. S. employment bureau fell off 12.3 per cent, a recent statement by the secretary of labor revealed.

At the end of October, there were 3,386,570 men and 1,006,522 women actively seeking work through the U. S. employment services. During that month, 291,187 new applications for jobs were received, 197,755 being from men.

During the month, work was found in private employment for 210,240 applicants. The total placements for the month, including relief work, was 303286. Declines were noted in all but eight states, including every area. However, the east south central group of states was hardest hit, with placements dropping 20 per cent; with the mountain states region dropping only 4.5 per cent.

Notwithstanding the drop from September to October, placements by the service in private industry were 21.2 per cent greater than in 1936 and 79.0 above 1935.

Rand's Trial Farce, Cummings Declares

Temper of Judge, Not Byrnes Act, Was Tested, Says Attorney General

The recent New Haven, Conn., trial in which James H. Rand, Jr., wealthy manufacturer, and Pearl L. Bergoff, head of a professional strikebreaking agency, were acquitted of charges of violating the Byrnes act was not a test of that law, Attorney General Homer S. Cummings told a press conference last week.

"The Remington-Rand case was supposed to be a test of a federal law prohibiting the interstate transportation of strikebreakers, but apparently nothing was tested except the temper of the judge," Cummings said

During the course of this trial, the presiding federal judge, Carroll C Hincks, a Hoover appointee, denounced the government's attorney, ridiculed the charges against Rand and Bergoff, and made a vicious speech to the jury, practically instructing them to bring in an acquittal verdict.

SUPREME COURT OKEHS BOILER LICENSING LAW

Ohio Measure Sponsored by Operating Engineers' Union Is Affirmed

Ohio's boiler inspection and licensing law, sponsored by the international union of operating engineers and supported by the Ohio state association and national association of power engineers, run the gauntlet of legalistic sniping and has been declared constitutional by the United States supreme court.

This effect was secured when the court recently dismissed an appeal from Ohio courts in the case known as Eubanks vs. the state of Ohio, a test case originating in the Toledo municipal court.

The law requires owners who operate their own steam boilers of over 30 h. p. to be licensed to do so. According to Attorney General Duffy, of Ohio, the U. S. supreme court action definitely established the right of the state to regulate the operation of such steam boilers for the protection of the public.

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4—To successfully bargain collectively a union must be able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement and hold both the members and the employer to that agreement.

5—An active union must have regular, prompt, well-attended and business-like meetings, with members who inform themselves about their rights and duties as union members and who participate in the meetings.

6—Union members know the principles of unionism and the ways to build and to maintain a labor organization. The union provides opportunity for new members to learn these principles and ways.

7—Union members know the facts about their industry; or they appoint a committee or study group to find out these facts and report back to the union meeting.

8—Union members know their rights as workers and as citizens, and they are regularly informed, through a committee or a study group, about the laws to safeguard labor's right and the administration of those laws.

9—An effective union cooperates with the employer in turning out products worthy of the union label.

10—An effective union cooperates actively with affiliated labor organizations so as to strengthen and extend labor's bargaining power, to extend organized labor's influence in the community, to promote workmanship and production, and to help unify the labor movement.

11—Join the local union of your craft and affiliate with the central labor union.

A successful union is not hasty in calling a strike. Every possibility of conference and mediation should be tried first. A strike is labor's last weapon.

One in Five Lose Homes

Failure to make payments on homes financed by the home owners loan corporation has given the government possession of approximately 200,000 homes which, no doubt, will be sold at sacrifice prices, the former owners and Uncle Sam sharing the loss. So far, one in every five home owners who borrowed from the HOLC have lost their homes or are in danger of foreclosure.

WAGE BOOSTS WON BY SIX PRINTING UNIONS

Typos, Photo-Engravers and Mailers Benefit from Fatter Pay Envelopes

The northwest printing trade federation has recently gained pay raises for members of six local unions and similar results were expected in another case.

In Seattle, the typographical union got a 75-cent increase, making the new scale $9 for day work and $9.50 for nights. Photo-engravers also got a pay raise, bringing the scale to $1.45 an hour for day work and $1.50 for nights. Jobmen got a new scale of $10 for an 8-hour day, with a 10 per cent premium for night work, time and a half for Saturday forenoons and double time for the remainder of the day.

In Portland, the mailers' union received their sixth pay raise under an award dating back to January 1, 1935, the scale now being $8.32. Web pressmen got a raise to $8.55 for day work and $8.80 for nights, for 7½ hours day work and 7 hours at night.

The Yakima typographical union is negotiating for an increase of 12½ per cent, employers countering with a proposal of three cents an hour boost, to $1.20, and the 40-hour week.

In Bremerton, the typographical union was successful in establishing a scale of $9.20 for an 8-hour day, with the usual 5-day week.

Serum Prevents Colds

A new serum for the prevention of colds and even pneumonia, has been developed by two physicians at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, Md., which has proved effective in 90 per cent of 3,000 cases tested in charitable institutions. This winter the new serum is to be used in inoculating all members of the CCC. This preventive is not yet in general use but if it proves successful in CCC camps, it will be made available to the general public.

UNCLE SAM'S FIGURES PROVE DECENT WAGES WOULD PRODUCE PROSPERITY

Organized labor's argument that higher wages are the cure for the farm and industrial recovery problems found remarkable confirmation this week in a report issued by the bureau of home economics of the department of agriculture.

The report said that in 1935 and 1936 the bureau's representatives rang doorbells in six middle western states and asked each family to tell its annual income and the way it spent the money.

Afterward, the "wage-earning" families were divided into income groups between $250 and $2,500 a year, and the following results appeared:

The lowest income families spent an average of $180 a year for food, while the highest-wage families averaged $539 a year for food.

The average money spent by the families for clothes went up from a pitiable $25 a year to $186, and money spent on the family automobile rose from an average of $14 a year at the bottom of the income scale to $315 at the top.

In other words, if the incomes of the poorest families had been raised to a comfortable wage of $2500 a year, they would have spent three times as much as they did on food, nearly eight times as much on clothes, and 20 times as much on automobiles.

That would have been good news for the farmers, clothing and car manufacturers, and the unemployed who would have been put to work.

Millions for Christmas

Savings depositors in banks on the Christmas club plan, will draw out $320,000,000 soon for their holiday spending. Not all of it will go for Christmas presents, however. Based on statistics of previous years, only 42 per cent will be spent that way. Twenty-five per cent will go into a permanent savings account, 12 per cent for taxes, and the rest for payments of mortgages and insurance with the exception of an estimated 2 per cent for education, travel and charity.

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At a press conference, the president declared that the contention there is a business recession is "an assumption." He refused to go into the question because, he said, he didn't want his hands tied.

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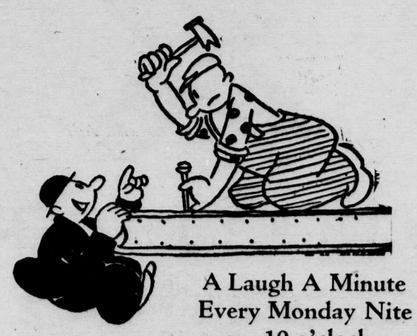
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Pharmacists employed in these stores are non-union and for that reason the stores above mentioned have been declared "unfair."

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By S. E. YELRUH

Political Labor Leaders

They must have had quite a gathering in San Francisco Saturday and Sunday if the Examiner, the Chronicle and the rest of the daily papers including the Tribune, have reported the happening correctly, and if they have it is one of those once-in-a-million things, but again I can see the fine Australian alien hand moving under cover. Organized labor as represented by the American Federation of Labor in the state of California, has made wonderful strides in the last twenty-five years, so much so in fact that all the states in the union have patterned after her, yet we have a minority that would jeopardize the progress made by labor, and the wonderful laws placed upon the statute books of this state, by trying to overdo the thing.

The San Francisco Convention

While there were several American Federation of Labor affiliates in attendance at this convention, there were more than there should have been. Anything with the name of Jawn L. Lewis at its head should be shunned by all true Americans, until Mr. Lewis can purge himself of the associates he has at the present time, and then it would be wise to watch him for some time to come before any confidence is placed in him. But of course most of those posing as Americans at this convention are only using that word as a cloak for the time being. In other words, they are playing Americans ala Bridges, because it is the convenient thing to do. It seems that some people assume that everything which some one proposes and says it is good for labor should immediately receive the support of all union men or they should be dubbed traitors. Well we have heard those loud mouths before, and we have watched them come and go, and most of their proposals are about as weak and as shallow as the minds of those proposing them. An ancient Chinese philosopher once said, "That loud mouths usually begat small brains" and this bit of philosophy can be said again of most of those who attended Lewis' non-partisan federation of labor.

What Is Likely to Happen

At this writing the political horizon presents an opportunity to put into the governor's chair a good substantial man who will bring our beautiful California out of the tail spin which it has been in during the last four years, but if the misleadership representing itself at the San Francisco convention has their way there will be another 1934 debacle in California, and we may not be able to pull the old state out of the tail spin she is now in, but we may see her flop completely. It always happens when things begin to get good for labor this gang always finds some way to worm itself inside and start to claim that it is representing labor. Where in'ell I asks are all these saviors at other times? Particularly when the sledding is tough, and the pulling hard, when labor could stand a little help. Of course the question answers itself. They will always be found working on some job that has been a curse to labor, and that labor generally curses, and they will be found without a card, but always telling some one what a fine union man they are. Well if labor had to depend on the likes of those birds, when labor required assistance, there would be no organized labor, and if labor and the general public has to depend on their leadership during the next coming campaign, then all I can say is God help you, for you will certainly need help from somewhere.

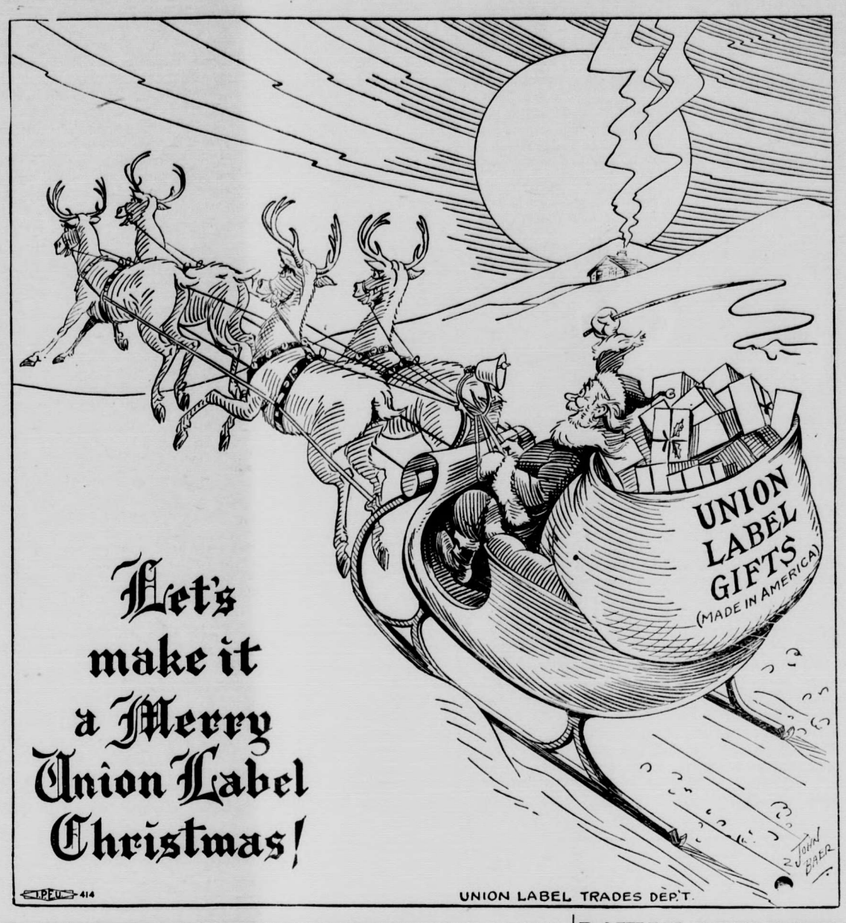
Sound Thinking Required

What labor requires at this time more than anything else is good sound thinking along political lines. Thinking that will develop real leadership, instead of promoting a lot of "Johnny come latelys," who have an immediate panacea for every ill which besets you, but their own position and condition is the best indicator of just what you could expect from such leadership. Look over the field carefully. Don't let loud words or vague promises deceive you. Just remember the words of that ancient Chinese philosopher, a man who is willing to make promises to you before he understands your problems and without careful study is just as likely to make the opposite promise to the other fellow.

Rents Skyrocketing

Rent paid by the average American family rose from $24 in 1933 to $33.33 in September, 1937, an increase of 39 per cent, according to a survey made by the Northwestern Life Insurance company.

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AUXILIARY NOTES

HOW THE WOMEN ARE HELPING THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

Notes of Ladies' Auxiliary I. A. of M. No. 97

Desert Whist Party

A very nice desert whist was put over by our social committee headed by Chairman Anna Hoover at the home of Sister Mildred Hendee, 7932 Earl street, Friday, December 10. A number of our sisters of Auxiliary No. 97 and their friends were present and we were pleased to have them with us. Those winning the awards were Eleanor Tombe, Nellie Foley, Ora Granter, Mae Moore, consolation awards, Virginia Kyes and Nita Seha. Nita Seha held the lucky number and was awarded the jar of mincemeat. The awards carried out the spirit of the yuletide in decorations.

Past Presidents' Club

One of the new and interesting activities of our auxiliary on Wednesday, December 8, was the reception for the president, Mary Logue, who was elected president of the past presidents' club for the ensuing year. Past President Tessie O'Leary opened her home for this coming event.

A delicious lunch was served and the decoration was holly berries.

Each one brought a gift and distributing them was a pleasant affair.

Arrangements were made to take care of the shut-ins.

The day was enjoyed. Next meeting will be held at Past President Ora Granter's in January.

Luncheon

Christmas committee and social committee of No. 97 met at the pleasant home of Sister Wilma Binger of 4094 Lincoln avenue, Monday, December 13, at 1 o'clock. In the spacious dining room, lunch was served as follows: tamale pie, gravy, a green salad, hot rolls (made by the hostess), jelly, olives and coffee. Needless to say it was enjoyed by all. The table was centered with a large blue bowl of snapdragons and around them were autumn leaves.

The afternoon was spent in wrapping gifts and filling boxes with candy for the kiddies for their Christmas party.

The committee had a very busy day and those that enjoyed the day with Sister Binger were President Metteer, Marie Dixon, Anna Hoover, Marion Stall, Mildred Hendee, Mae Moore, Anna Phillips, Tessie O'Leary and Mrs. Esta Schucharedt.

Mystery Sisters

Don't forget to send your mystery sister a Christmas card and a little gift for Christmas.

Notes

Sisters Anna Hoover, Ora Granter, Brother and Sister Tess O'Leary and Mrs. Mary Green attended the benefit whist in St. Mary's auditorium, 8th and Grove streets, Friday evening, December 10. Sisters Hoover, O'Leary and Mrs. Mary Green were winners of awards.

Omitted last week that Marion Stall was election musician for the ensuing year.

Shop early and demand the union button.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Oakland Typographical Auxiliary No. 26

The annual Christmas party was held at the Flor de Italia, Tuesday, December 14. The party was in every way a huge success. Mrs. Foley, chairman of the entertainment committee, and her assistants are to be complimented on their good management, and planning of the nice affair.

The tables were decorated with holly and candy canes, and the little tree, with its pretty gifts was a treat to all who attended. About forty-five ladies were present and from the noise and laughter, every one was having a wonderful time.

Glad to see Mrs. Seward again with us; also Mrs. Clossen.

No. 26 extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Brown on the loss of their little son who passed on last week in an accident. Mrs. Brown has been one of our most ardent workers in the auxiliary, and we are deeply grieved by her sorrow.

The next business meeting will be the first Thursday in 1938.

A very Merry Christmas to all and the happiest of a New Year.

We boost the union label.

MABEL BOEK, Press Cor.

WPA Spent Billions On Building Program

Hopkins Submits Staggering Figures Which Effectually Dispose of "Boondoggling" Libel

A report issued this week by the works progress administration throws additional light on the "boondoggling" charge with which critics have sought to discredit the administration's efforts to care for the unemployed.

The total cost of work-relief construction projects, completed or under way, was placed at $3,265,361,272. More than $1,500,000,000 went into construction that permanently enriches the nation, according to Aubrey Williams, deputy administrator.

The remainder of the outlay was devoted to improvement and repair of existing public property, he said.

LEGAL NOTICE

If application for ON SALE license is made, the following notice must be published within five (5) days in a newspaper of general circulation in the city in which such premises are situated, or if such premises are not in a city then such publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation nearest the premises. (Affidavit of publication shall be filed with the Board.)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

December 17, 1937.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the above date, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

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ALAMEDA COUNTY LABOR TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

ROWAN REELECTED TO HEAD CARMEN

Officers elected by Carmen's Union, Division 192 for the ensuing year are as follows:

President and business representative, O. A. Rowan; secretary-treasurer, E. H. Mangum; trustees, P. J. Halligan and H. J. Hutt; conductor, J. W. Anderson, and sentinel, J. Simonetti.

J. B. Rutland and A. J. Potter will run-off for vice president; office of the recording secretary will go into the finals also. This contest will be between B. F. Bowbeer and B. H. Wilburn.

Christmas Party By Laborers' Union 304

Thursday evening, December 23, 1937, in the Oakland auditorium theatre, Laborers' Union, Local No. 304 will hold their annual Christmas party.

Members of the union, their families and friends are invited. There will be toys and candy for the children and turkey orders for the grown-ups.

Members must present their due books in order to receive a ticket.

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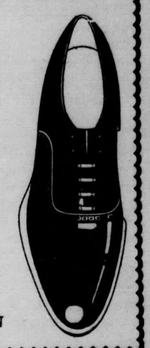
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N. Y. Electricians Win Wage Increase

Union electricians numbering 4700 employed on construction jobs in New York city will receive a 25-cent increase in their hourly pay under contracts just signed with associations of electrical contractors in all boroughs of the city.

Announcement of the new contract was made by Bert Kirkman, president of local 3, international brotherhood of electrical workers.

The new contracts, which will become effective on January 1, provide for a union shop, an hourly wage of $2, and a five-day, thirty-hour week.

Show World's Time

In the western union telegraph office on Broad street, New York city, seven clocks, all running stand in a row. These clocks show the difference in time between that of New York and other points scattered over the globe. For example when the New York clock shows it is 9 a. m. there, another shows it is 2 p. m. in Dublin, Ireland and Bilbao, Spain. A third clock reads 3 p. m., the time in Berlin and Rome. A fourth clock registers 10 p. m., the time in Shanghai, China; while a fifth gives Australia's time at that hour, 12 mdnight, or fifteen hours ahead of New York's time.



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BIG INCREASE IN LABOR OF CHILDREN UNCOVERED BY CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE

Federal Legislation and Ratification of Child Labor Amendment to U. S. Constitution Emphasized as Necessary to Protect Boys and Girls from Industrial Exploitation

Prompt enactment of legislation by the current special session of congress to end exploitation of children by employers operating establishments whose products enter interstate commerce and speedy ratification next year of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution by the legislatures of the eight additional states required to make the amendment part of our fundamental law were urged in the annual report of the national child labor committee made public by Courtenay Dinwiddie, general secretary of the committee, at the headquarters of the organization in New York city.

Shrimp and Tiff Industries Condemned

The report stressed the constant and continued increase in the industrial exploitation of children in states which have not raised their minimum age for employment, with special emphasis on the obnoxious conditions prevailing in two industries probed by the committee this summer and fall—the shrimp industry in the southern gulf states, particularly Texas and Louisiana, and the tiff mines of Missouri, in both of which, the committee said, the plight of the children demanded intervention by the federal government. The tiff mines furnish 57 per cent of the crude barite produced in the United States.

Child Labor Amendment to Protect Children

In emphasizing the importance of ratifying the child labor amendment, the report said it was the only effective method of protecting children from the greed of employers, the products of whose plants do not enter interstate commerce. The committee estimated that 75 per cent of employed children are in the non-interstate commerce industries.

At the same time the committee criticized the substitute amendment proposed by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan as wholly inadequate to cope with the child labor problem. The Vandenberg amendment, Mr. Dinwiddie said, was introduced in congress last spring and reported without a public hearing by the senate judiciary committee on June 22.

Child Labor Increase Since NRA Abolition

Pointing out that the marked increase in the employment of children in industry began as soon as the restriction of the industrial codes issued under the national industrial recovery act before it was outlawed by the supreme court of the United States, Mr. Dinwiddie asserted that the increase has continued unabated in states which have retained in their statutes the low minimum age for entering industrial employment. On this point, he said:

"The number of 14 and 15 year old children receiving first regular employment certificates for full-time work during the last six months of 1936 ncreased 48 per cent over the number receiving such certificates in the last six months of 1935, according to figures submitted to the federal children's bureau from twelve states, the District of Columbia and seventy-six cities of 50,000 or more population in eighteen other states, none of which have made basic changes in their child labor laws.

"Employment certifcates are not required for all occupations; in practically no states do they include children engaged in agriculture and domestic service and in some states include only employment in manufacturing and mechanical occupations. Moreover, employment certificate figures show only the number of children going to work legally and give no indication of the number employed in violation of the law."

Interstate Commerce Law Will Protect Only 25 Per Cent of Working Children

Although urging enactment of federal child labor legislation at the present special session of congress based on the constitutional authority of congress to regulate interstate commerce, Mr. Dinwiddie's report declared that such legislation would reach at best only approximately 25 per cent of the working children, those employed in industrial establishments whose products are shipped in interstate commerce, and "would not affect children employed in local service trades, such as stores, offices, hotels, garages and restaurants, nor would it protect those in large-scale industrialized agriculture or in street trades." Only the ratification of the child labor amendment, already acted upon favorably by twenty-eight states, can adequately protect children from industrial exploitation, the report declared.

Big Majority Favor Federal Amendment

"With 76 per cent of the people in favor of the child labor amendment and ratification by only eight more states needed," the report stated, "it would be far better to continue the fight for the present amendment, unless the supreme court should declare ratification no longer valid, than to begin anew the slow process of securing favorable state action on a substitute amendment."

The reference to the constitutional validity of the present status of the child labor amendment is connected with the two diametrically opposed opinions handed down by the highest state courts of Kansas and Kentucky on the validity of the ratification after prior rejection by a state and after a lapse of thirteen years since its submission to the states.

Local Printing Co. Has Label On Cards

The City Art Printing company, 1602 Webster street, a well known advertiser in the Labor Journal, has for sale a large quantity of union label Christmas cards.

You have time to place your order with this company today. Don't forget . . . the union label is your protection. Why not display it on your Christmas cards this year?

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CLOSED SHOP PACT IS WON BY BAIT WORKERS

"How's about some union bait?" says the union-conscious individual. "Well, it can be had," might be the reply of South Bend Bait Workers' Federal Union No. 20239, South Bend, Indiana, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

This union has secured a contract with the South Bend Bait company, establishing the 40-hour work week and minimum rates of pay or all employes of all departments.

STRAUS' FOES HIT BY LABOR LEADERS

A. F. L. Group Declares His Enemies Are Not Really Interested in Low-Cost Housing

The prompt action of the senate committee on education and labor in recommending that the senate confirm the nomination of Nathan Straus as head of the United States housing authority to administer the half billion dollar low-rent housing and slum elimination act passed by congress last summer was a fitting answer to the baseless opposition to his confirmation.

Hillside Homes Bugaboo

The enemies of Mr. Straus alleged that he was financially interested in Hillside homes, a low-rent housing development in New York assisted by a public works administration loan. The property, after completion, was turned over to a limited dividend corporation to administer, the government loan to be amortized out of rental collections. When the United States housing authority was established, President Roosevelt by executive order transferred to its jurisdiction the assets of the old P. W. A. housing division, which was alleged to include the government loan on Hillside homes.

Inasmuch as the housing act specified that the administrator should have no personal interest in any property over which his authority extended, the enemies of Mr. Straus claimed they had a valid objection to his serving as housing administrator. They insisted in their unwarranted opposition despite Mr. Straus's statement that he had divested himself of all property interests which conflicted with the provisions of the housing act.

Bates Lauds Administrator

The barrage against Mr. Straus was strongly condemned by the members of the housing committee of the American Federation of Labor as being "more interested in long-term politics than in long-term housing."

"The American Federation of Labor, and above all the building trades workers, have the most direct interest of any group in the country in the success of the new United States housing authority," said Harry C. Bates, chairman of the housing committee and also president of the bricklayers, masons and plasterers' international union of America and a member of the A. F. of L. executive council.

"We have been working for a national program of low-rent housing and slum clearance ever since Senator Wagner introduced his first bill years ago.

"Naturally, we have been watching the development of the United States housing authority very closely. And we are absolutely satisfied that its administrator, Mr. Nathan Straus, is establishing this all-important long-term national housing program on a sound and admirable basis."

Praised by McDonough

M. J. McDonough, secretary of the building and construction trades department of the American Federation of Labor, was also impressed with the fitness of the housing administrator for the office. Asserting that Mr. Straus was "doing a swell job," Mr. McDonough added:

"The new United States housing authority has only been in existence for a month, and already it has some real achievements to its credit."

Distillers Sign With Gordon Gin

Representatives of the federal distillers' union reported this week the signing of an agreement with th Gordon Gin company.

They now ask the full support of the union labor movement of the state.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Believe Me When I Say

A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To You and Yours

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COUNCILMAN

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Without a Name

Back in 1915, a French soldier returned home by way of Switzerland after having been released from a German prison. He could not remember his name or anything about his previous history. For twenty-two years, the case of this "living unknown soldier," as he became known, puzzled that nation. During this time more than 300 families have claimed the man as a relative. All these claims were considered by the courts seeking to establish the man's identity, but by 1932 all but twenty-one of them had been eliminated. Last summer, this number had been reduced to four, and late last month a final court decision ruled that the man was Octave Montjoin who had enlisted from St. Maur and became a victim of amnesia in German prisons. He is normal in every other way but remembers nothing prior to his imprisonment.

May Never See Capone

The sentence of Al Capone, confined in Alcatraz prison, California, will expire in 1939, but this former king of Chcago racketeers probably never wll be permitted to return to his old haunts. The United States bureau of immigration is reported to have proof that Capone was born in Palermo, Sicily, instead of Brooklyn, N. Y., and that he is therefore not an American citizen. If true, he will be promptly deported as soon as he emerges from prison.

PRESSMEN RENEW 5 YEAR CONTRACT WITH NEWSPAPERS

The American Newspaper Publishers' association and the international printing pressmen's union last Friday renewed for five years an agreement of 30 years' standing, providing for abolition of strikes and lockouts in the pressrooms of American newspapers.

James G. Stahlman, president of the A. N. P. A., said the agreement covered pressmen of 458 daily newspapers.

George L. Berry, president of the pressmen's union, said that to the best of his knowledge, no similar union agreement existed.

He said: "By practically a unanimous vote of the international printing pressmen and the A. N. P. A. we have affirmed their allegiance to the principles of peace in the conduct of the newspaper business of this continent so far as it relates to the printing departments, and in this reaffirmation, we put the stamp of approval upon the principle that it is of first importance that there be no stoppage in business; that our differences shall be adjusted by the processes of mediation, conciliation and finally, arbitration."

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To Our Friends of Organized Labor

In this spirit of Christmas time, our Message to you is to thank you for your support and cooperation during the past year. We wish the Members of Organized Labor and the staff of the East Bay Labor Journal a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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BUY ONLY UNION LABEL CHRISTMAS GIFTS, SAYS LABEL DEPARTMENT HEAD

By I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary
Union Label Trades Department, AFL

The union label trades department is the clearing house for American labor unions which have adopted union labels, shop cards or buttons to designate their products and services. These emblems are the official insignia of bona fide labor unions that display them to assure the public that the products are manufactured and the services are performed under American labor union standards.

In many parts of the country spurious labels have appeared. It is claimed that the products upon which these new labels are displayed are made under "fair" labor standards. They are not the official union labels of standard labor unions but are fictitious emblems used by trade associations, corporations or individuals to mislead the consumer into believing that the industries which manufacture these products recognize labor unions and have collective bargaining agreements.

This is an "unfair" trade practice. Who is to be the judge and certify that certain products are made under "fair" labor conditions, except bona fide labor unionists?

Usually merchandise is not of a high quality unless it is made under union labor conditions. These unauthorized labels are used by concerns to confuse the consumer. In some cases, the words "union-made" are used to designate the products of a company union. The union label trades department has asked congress to make a thorough investigation into the uses of various labels and other misrepresentations to deceive the consumer who desires to buy union label goods.

The union label trades department is anxious to obtain information about these fictitious labels. We urge our friends to send us any labels which they think are questionable. No labels are genuine unless they have been issued by American labor unions.

Union Label Campaigns

While the union label trades department is the axis around which revolves various union label activities, our department of the American Federation of Labor cannot alone carry out the details of our extensive national campaign for union-made goods and union services. When we work out a formula for a union label drive, we must depend on our loyal workers in every community. We deeply appreciate this voluntary work of members of labor unions, their families and friends. It has greatly increased the demand for the union label among manufacturers, merchants and consumers.

The members of ladies' auxiliaries and union label leagues have been the most action advocates of union label buying. Women have found that through their collective buying power, they can supplement and strengthen organized labor's collective bargaining power.

In the struggle for human rights, economic freedom and social justice, women are playing a more and more important part. Through enfranchisement of women, they are exerting a greater and greater influence on state and national legislation. Women play an important

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La Follette Senate Committee Starts Labor Probe

The La Follette senate civil liberties committee has started an inquiry into the labor relations policy of the national association of manufacturers, it was learned today.

The association, one of the major critics of the Roosevelt administration, closed its annual convention Thursday during which it adopted a declaration of labor principles including opposition to the closed shop, the sit-down strike and the check-off system.

The possibility of a wide inquiry into employer groups was seen in the disclosure that the committee also has subpoenaed the records of the league for industrial rights, which gives legal advice on labor problems to about 1000 firms.

POTTERS ENFORCE JAPANESE BOYCOTT

Organized potters of East Liverpool, Ohio, and the surrounding Ohio river district set off a giant bonfire atop East Liverpool's highest hill Monday night and then marched through lanes of red fire in a demonstration of protest against the importation of Japanese goods and Sino-Japanese warfare.

Police estimated "easily 3,000" potters and members of other unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor marched in the parade. Women as well as men strode through near-zero temperatures.

William Green, American Federation of Labor president, came to East Liverpool for the parade and two meetings at which time he spoke.

ELECTION HELD BY LOCAL BEAUTICIANS

Beauticians' Union, Local No. 134-A on December 8th, elected their official family for the coming term. Officers elected were:

President, Marie Weisman; vice president, Pauline Walke; secretary-treasurer, Dora B. Lewis; guide, Isabelle Thompson and guardian, Grace Fowler.

Business representative, Itha Amos; finance committee, Alice Boersig, Dorothy Hobron. Delegates to central labor council, Itha Amos, Jane Christensen; delegate to label league, Edith Stackhouse.

Bakers' Christmas Party Was Success

The recently held Christmas party, sponsored by Bakers' Union, Local No. 119, was acclaimed a huge success by officers of the local union.

Well over 3,000 members and friends attended the affair held in Mayfair hall on Webster street last Saturday night.

STENGLE URGES GENUINE MERIT SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL WORKERS

Chief of American Federation of Government Employes Mobilizes Support for President Roosevelt's Proposal to Provide Opportunity for Careers in the Government Service.

Charles I. Stengle, president of the American federation of government employes, has addressed an appeal to a number of national organizations, including the veterans' organizations, the national league of women voters, the national women's party and many other groups, urging them to unite in a big push at this time for a real merit system which, he points out, has been stated by President Roosevelt to be his chief desire.

The time is opportune, the letter asserts, and public sentiment has been shown to be overwhelmingly in favor of it. Failure to take advantage of the opportunity now presented, says President Stengle, may be disastrous. The text of the letter follows:

Real Merit System Visioned

"The greatest opportunity afforded friends of the civil service in many years is now before us. President Roosevelt has announced that a real merit system providing opportunity for careers in the government service is among his chief desires. There are several bills pending in congress to bring this about. This is the time for a big push to attain our objective.

"It is for that reason that I am writing you to urge that concerted, united and consistent effort be exerted by every national organization favorable to the protection and extension of the merit system until congress realizes that this is something the people want and insist upon having. There can be no doubt on that score. A recent national poll showed a great majority of the American people strongly committed to a real civil service and a real merit system.

Spoilsmanship Must Be Ended

"The case for the merit system has been amply proved. So, too, it has been proved, over and over again, that spoilsmanship means creation of more and more jobs, to be filled by political favorites. The time is here to end spoilsmanship once and for all and to give our people a civil service that means something—a civil service manned by competent employes, every one tested as to capability and efficiency, and in consequence a civil service that returns full value for the taxpayers' money.

Emphasizes Value of Career System

"Moreover, a career system in the civil service is essential not only from the point of view of fairness to the employe but because thereby an incentive is offered him which ultimately will most certainly be reflected in his interest in and efficient handling of his work. The gain will be triple—not only will competent persons hold the positions, but they will be fairly treated, and as a result of this fair treatment and increased opportunity, they will do their best on the job.

"I appeal for your cooperation in this cause, a cause in which, regardless of political faith, every good citizen can stand by the president 100 per cent."

CLOSING LAW WINS COUNCIL SUPPORT

Eight members of the Oakland city council supported the closing ordinance presented by the Food Industries of Alameda county last Thursday night.

The new ordinance calls for the closing of all food stores on Sundays and holidays and after 7 p. m. Final reading of the new law will come before the council next Tuesday. The law becomes effective the latter part of January.

Organized labor representatives supported the food industries during council hearings.



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Oakland City Council deserves the thanks of Union labor, the Retail Food Stores and the Buying Public

BY ADOPTING the sanitary inspection amendment which supports Sunday, holiday, and evening closing of retail food stores in Oakland, thus assuring permanence of the present satisfactory labor hours in such establishments, the Oakland City Council has taken a praiseworthy step.

At this time, the Retail Food Clerks Union, No. 870, desires to commend the Oakland City Council for this progressive action which places Oakland in the vanguard of cities interested in the welfare of its men and women who work in retail food stores and those individual store owners who operate their own places of business single-handed.

COOPERATION SPELLS CIVIC PROGRESS!

The many community organizations, interested in the steady growth and development of the Oakland retail food industry on a sound basis, who cooperated with the City Council in reaching this decision; the many public-spirited and far sighted leaders who appeared in its favor; the various elements of the retail food industry, little "one man" stores and the larger markets employing many persons, who cooperated to urge adoption of the amendment; the Retail Grocers Association of Alameda County —all these have proved how beneficial is clear thinking and unselfish service when called upon to play an important role in community betterment.

WE WILL DO OUR PART TO JUSTIFY THE CONFIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN VESTED IN US!

We, members of Retail Food Clerks Union No. 870, assured of our leisure in Oakland on Sundays, holidays and evenings; assured that the industry in which we function moves forward on a basis which is just to employees and employers and just to the food consuming public, pledge to the public our most sincere efforts to merit its trust and confidence!

TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ORGANIZED LABOR

We extend our sincere thanks for their support and encouragement in achieving stabilization of the retail food industry through the adoption of the city sanitary inspection amendment.

We are grateful for their aid in a time of stress, and proud that, by our actions, we have justified their assistance.

We go forward in a spirit of doing our utmost to preserve for our members the beneficial rewards of union oganization; in a spirit of progressive cooperation based upon the concept that there is no substitute for honest work well done.

RETAIL FOOD CLERKS UNION No. 870

"Living Wage" Goal Of Mrs. Roosevelt

To some people a minimum wage of $17 a week may seem like a lot of money, but not to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

That rate has been established for women retail employes in the District of Columbia. The "first lady" at her press conference said it may prove a help if efforts are made to prevent the minimum from becoming the maximum.

Nothing less than a "living wage" should be regarded as satisfactory, Mrs. Roosevelt said.

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PLUMBERS' AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

By SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

On Wednesday evening, December 22, 1937, the annual election of officers, for the year 1938 will be held in the labor temple, 562 11th street. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp.

In addition to the election, two important questions will be voted on: Shall the united association hold a convention during the coming year and shall the state association of plumbers and gas fitters, steam and sprinkler fitters hold a convention during the coming year? All three matters are of the utmost importance to the membership, and a record attendance is looked for. Before adjournment, three five dollar checks will be delivered to the members whose names are drawn from among the attendance cards.

MILLMEN NO. 550 NOTES

Brother Joe Correia announces two turkeys and one month's dues Thursday, December 23. Be sure and be present, you may be the lucky one.

Brother John Lindquist received an injury to his right thumb more than a week ago. He is back on the job again this week.

Bill To Put Seamen Under Railway Act

Maritime Head Lauds "Impressive" Record of Law and Mediation Board

American seamen are to be brought under the amended railway labor act and the national mediation board through legislation offered this week by Senator Royal S. Copeland, (Dem., N. Y.).

Adoption of the bill was urged by Chairman Joseph F. Kennedy of the maritime commission, who declared the "record of the act and the board is so impressive that they would receive the confidence of both ship owners and labor."

Most of the mediation and conciliation machinery of the railway labor act has been retained in Copeland's bill. Provisions safeguarding the right to organize and bargain collectively, highly prized by railmen, are omitted, but Kennedy said these rights are guaranteed to seamen by the national labor relations act.

"Keep Out of War!"

"Keep America out of war!" is the slogan of a petition being circulated by the veterans of foreign wars and addressed to congress and the president.

Petitions have been sent to more than 8,600 post commanders, with instructions to obtain 25,000,000 signatures.

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CHILDREN STARVE IN PHILADELPHIA, ONE OF WORLD'S WEALTHIEST CITIES

Children are actually starving in William Penn's City of Brotherly Love, said to have the highest per capita wealth in the country.

That disclosure was made this week by Dr. Walter S. Cornell, the board of education's medical director, in a shocking report.

A survey conducted by visiting nurses and school physicians, Dr. Cornell declared, revealed that more than 23,000 pupils of public schools are "badly undernourished."

A majority, it was learned, came from "poverty-stricken homes in which the average family size is 6.4 persons and the average weekly income from all sources $15.01.

"Obviously," declared Dr. Cornell, "these children are suffering from semi-starvation and are badly in need of public assistance.

"We are frankly at a loss to know what to do about thousands who are slowly being starved because of lack of money to buy sufficient food. In 1930, we tried feeding daily breakfasts to undernourished children, but that practice has been discontinued."

A. F. OF L. MAKES SWEEPING GAINS IN MILLING, CEMENT INDUSTRIES

More than 50 per cent of the nation's flour and cereal mills and approximately 60 per cent of the cement industry have been unionized since last July by the A. F. of L., according to figures made public this week.

Flour, feed and cereal workers, corn processors; grain elevator employes, and syrup and dextrine workers are included in the first group which is now functioning through a national council of grain processors and allied industries, composed of 72 local unions having 25,000 members.

In the cement industry there is also a national council which has 75 local unions and a membership of about 20,000.

The two councils will probably be given A. F. of L. charters as international unions by the time the federation's next convention meets in 1938.

President William Green of the A. F. of L. said this week that agreements have been negotiated with some of the largest companies in the two industries and more are in prospect.

BAKERS' UNION THANKS MERCHANTS FOR GIFTS GIVEN TO XMAS PARTY

Members of Bakers' Union, Local No. 119, through the columns of the Labor Journal, publicly thank the following bakeries who contributed valuable awards to the Xmas party held by the union Saturday night:

Acme doughnut, 3301 E. 14th street; Appleton market, bakery 2145 University avenue, Berkeley; Athens' Baking Co., 1621 7th street; Blue Bird, 5666 College avenue; Buschs' Parkway, 1912 Park boulevard; Bonier, 1417 Park street, Alameda; Cassou, French Baking Co., 515 Clay street; Charlotte's Avenue market, 3053 Telegraph avenue; Cake Box, 4068 Piedmont avenue; Cushing bakery, 3287 Lakeshore avenue; Cardinet Candy Co., 2172 Market street.

Caligari, 249 5th street, Richmond; Cherry garden, 565 Dutton avenue, San Leandro; Denver, 610 West street; Dubois Park and Shop, 900 Fresno avenue, Berkeley; Danish, 3421 Telegraph avenue; Emporium, 2108 Hopkins street; Electric, 2211 McDonald avenue; Elctric, 8507 E. 14th street; Eden, 1154 E. 14th street, San Leandro; Grandma, 335 Adeline street; Golden Krust, 2621 Grove street; Golden State, 9401 E. 14th street; Hillmont, 804 Apgar street; Home, 604 Macdonald avenue, Richmond; Kohl, 7401 Foothill boulevard; Koch's, 2454 Sacramento street, Berkeley; Kettlehut, 1228 McDonald avenue, Richmond; Lane, 2638 Ashby avenue, Berkeley; Larsen, 1881 Solano avenue, Berkeley.

Mother's, 1148 E. 18th street; Modern, 6325 College avenue, Berkeley; Mel's, 1469 Shattuck avenue, Berkeley; McMarr, 5725 E. 14th street; Marten's 128 Richmond Court, Richmond; Moss Rose, 720 Macdonald avenue, Richmond; Piedmont grocery, 4038 Piedmont avenue, Oakland; Payne, 1612 Webster street; Peerless, 1016 Macdonald avenue, Richmond; Popular, 417 Macdonald avenue, Richmond; Quality, 4050 Piedmont avenue, Oakland; Rolling pin, 1558 Solano avenue, Berkeley; Superior, 1519 Webster street, Alameda; Supreme, 4532 E. 14th street; Seminary, 1409 Seminary avenue; Schnetz, 2505 Hopkins street; Tasty, 2708 Fruitvale avenue.

Versic's, 861 B street, Hayward; Telegraph home, 2423 Telegraph avenue; Bee Jay, 3341 Lakeshore avenue; Senn's home, 808 E. 24th street; Peerless Yeast Co.; Fleishmann Yeast Co.; Consumers Yeast Co.; Irwine; Wil-Mar, 2930 College avenue, Berkeley; Washington Market, 1219 Washington street; Remar, 46th and Adeline streets; Sperry Flour Co.; Stiefvaters, bakers' supply house, San Francisco.

Alice Ames Beauty Shops on the Unfair List of Labor Here

Beauticians' Union, No. 134-A, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, have listed Alice Ames beauty shops on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of organized labor of Alameda county.

Alice Ames shops are located at the following addresses: 1547 San Pablo avenue, Oakland, and 2215 Telegraph avenue, Berkeley.

Organized labor members and their friends are requested to refrain from patronizing these shops until an agreement is reached with the local union.

Alice Ames beauty shops do not employ members of the beauticians' union.

When workers do not receive enough wages to buy the goods they create, labor unions and union labels will correct the system.

Free Homes of Tax, Is Sheppard's Plan

Texas Senator Proposes Revolutionary Scheme in Amendment to Constitution

Senator Morris Sheppard (Dem., Tex.), has proposed a constitutional amendment designed to encourage home owning by a revolutionary scheme of tax reduction.

If the amendment is ratified, the Texas solon claims, 80 per cent of all homes, valued at $5,000 or less, will be freed of all taxes except the small levy required to pay off their share of state and local bonded indebtedness outstanding at ratification. It will make these homes entirely and permanently free of taxes when these debts are paid.

The other 20 per cent, homesteads valued about $5,000, will continue to be taxed, but only on the value above $5,000.

Special Committee Is To Ask Governor To Release Tom Mooney

Members of a special senate committee investigating the Tom Mooney case said he should be pardoned.

This expression came after counsel for Mooney had urged the committee to call him to Washington for hearings. Chairman O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), of the committee said the group was doubtful of its legal authority to do this, but that most members felt he should be freed.

"I'm willing to do anything I can to aid Tom Mooney," declared Senator McCarran (D., Nev.), a committee member.

Taking a similar view, Senator Neely (D., W. Va.), said that the Mooney case "is a disgrace and is one of the most outrageous things in this history of the world, with exception of the Dreffus case."

Mooney was convicted of murder in 1917 in a California superior court in connection with the dynamiting of a Preparedness day parade in San Francisco, July 22, 1916.

He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment after President Woodrow Wilson intervened.

The senate committee is considering a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt to urge the governor of California to grant Mooney a full pardon.

More Wages for Unions

The longshoremen, affiliated with the A. F. of L., have made a new contract with the Shipping Federation of Canada, granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and improved working conditions.

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STEAM FITTERS' NOTES

The sports committee is arranging many interesting events. Plans are under way for the "finest and best" basketball team in Metropolitan Oakland. Serious consideration is given by the committee to employ a coach from the University of California. The committee has issued a challenge to all AFL locals to play, baseball, basketball and bowling.

First of a series of bowling matches will be held tonight. Members interested please attend.

Don't buy your Christmas turkey until after next meeting of the local. Eight turkeys will be given away at the next meeting . . . you may be the lucky one!

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Don't fail to attend. Next meeting is December 23 at 8 p. m.

It is important that you vote for officers who will guide your union successfully . . . so be there next meeting.

The refrigeration men are requesting of the butchers and the cooks, waiters and waitresses to continue to ask for the union card of the refrigerator men doing work in the butcher shop or restaurant. These men appreciate the services already given.

Committee chosen to install a heating system in the new labor temple are working hard and will soon bring in a request for assistance "for installation of the new system."

Why not visit the labor temple over the week-end. See the most beautiful labor temple in the west, at 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

Members are asked to visit the apprenticeship class at the evening trades school. Classes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Brother Brinkers is in charge of the steam fitters' apprentices while Brother Nielson is in charge of refrigeration.

Another year is drawing to a close and Local Union No. 342 has made wonderful strides during 1937. The officers and members of the local extend to the membership of organized labor and their friends the season's best wishes and hope that 1938 will be even bigger and better for the trade union movement.

Members of the union appreciate the fine services rendered by the officers and members of the Alameda and Contra Costa building trades councils and we wish for them continued success also.

Special Notice! Sunday, December 19, representatives from all parts of northern California will meet in special session in San Francisco. This meeting is called by the state association of plumbers and steam fitters. Various problems will be discussed.

With my personal best wishes, I am

C. D. GIBBON, Press Cor.

AL'S CLOTHING SHOP IS STRICTLY UNION

Al's men's shop, on Broadway, Oakland, is the first clothing store in the east bay district to sign the union agreement of Retail Clerks' Union, Local No. 47, for the year 1938.

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STATE WILL PROBE FASCIST 'DRIVE' IN PHOENIXVILLE. PA.

Anti-Union Bosses Warning Organizers to Leave City On Pain of Death

A. F. L. FILES CHARGES

38 LABOR SPY AGENCIES FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—The recently created state bureau of civil rights has launched a campaign to drive labor spies and professional strikebreakers out of Pennsylvania.

This drive was spurred by the disclosure that 38 agencies furnishing industrial stool pigeons to anti-union employers, or, hiring thugs and ex-convicts to act as strikebreakers, are located in this state.

A campaign of terror, launched by anti-union employers against A. F. of L. organizers at Phoenixville, Pa., is being investigated this week by the state bureau of civil rights, a new tribunal which the last legislature authorized as a part of Governor George H. Earle's labor program.

So far one man has been killed and a number of labor organizers have been ordered to leave town under pain of being killed if they disobeyed the warning.

Business Man Threatened

A business man who rented an empty building for union meetings was threatened with having his store dynamited unless he canceled the lease he had given the labor men.

The Wieland Packing company, leading spirit in the anti-union move has armed its truck drivers. Permits to carry guns were granted by the sheriff.

A "citizens committee" has been formed to prevent unionization "because it threatens the business of Phoenixville," and the city council has authorized employment of 25 "special policemen" to prohibit picketing of merchants who line up behind the packing company.

State Takes a Hand

Richard O'Donnell, assistant director of the state bureau of civil rights, was rushed here to investigate, after charges were filed with the bureau by the A. F. of L. organizers.

The bureau is a permanent tribunal intended to do for Pennsylvania what the U. S. senate civil liberties committee has done for the nation by exposing the activities of labor spies, vigilantes and other agencies interfering with the rights of workers.

Secondary Picketing Is Upheld By Court

Stores which sell the products of a manufacturer involved in labor troubles can be legally picketed, the New York court of appeals ruled this week in a six-to-one decision.

This is contrary to decisions rendered in similar cases by lower courts in this state and by the highest courts in other states, most of which have held that picketing of that nature constitutes a secondary boycott and is unlawful.

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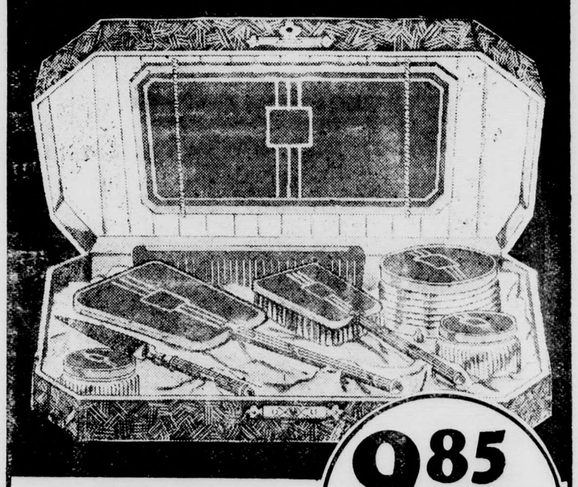
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American Federation of Government Employes Lists Big Membership Gain

Accessions of 2800 New Members in New England and New York Districts Reported by National Organizer Iler

Government workers under the civil service are joining the American Federation of Labor in ever increasing numbers, Henry C. Iler, national organizer for the American federation of government employes, reported to William Green, president of the A. F. of L.

Mr. Iler, who had just returned from a month's canvass of the New England and New York districts, said that the A. F. G. E. organization drive in those sections resulted in a gain of more than 2800 members during November.

Progressive Legislative Program

He declared government employes under civil service in these districts showed eagerness to enroll with the A. F. G. E., affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, because they regard the federation as a responsible organization, commanding respect of the administration and congress and able, therefore, to act as their spokesman in seeking better working conditions.

The program of the American federation of government employes, Mr. Iler revealed, includes the following points:

1. A minimum wage of $1500 a year for all full-time government employes, with statutory automatic increases.

2. A five day, thirty-five hour week, with no reduction in pay. (About 350,000 federal employes are on a 5 day basis now.)

3. Establishment of a U. S. civil service board of appeals, so organized as to fully protect the rights of employes.

New Lodges Organized

Mr. Iler reported gains of 600 members during the month in the Buffalo district and 700 in and around New York city.

PICTURE WASHINGTON'S OTHER SIDE

"City of Sweatshops," "Unspeakable Poverty," "Chief Crime Center," Among Charges by Trustworthy Witnesses

Washington, capital of the richest nation in the world, is "a city of sweatshops," has "incredible conditions of unspeakable poverty," "inhumanly treats" patients in its municipal hospital, and is one of the chief crime centers of the country, according to charges made this week from four different sources.

More than 60,000 men and women are working for wages ranging from $3 to $11 a week, Elisabeth Christman, secretary of the national women's trade union league, declared after a survey of conditions in Washington.

Her investigation included manufacturing plants, retail stores, beauty shops, hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning establishments, bakeries and domestic service.

Low Wages Breed Poverty

Most people think of Washington as being a non-industrial city, but Miss Christman found there were 493 manufacturing establishments. Weekly wages in dry cleaning plants, she said, were $9 for a 48-hour week, while many girls in the paper products industries were getting as little as $3 for 32 hours' work.

The "incredible conditions of unspeakable poverty" were found by one of Washington's richest men, Newbold Noyes, joint owner of the Washington "Evening Star." He made that declaration in connection with an appeal for funds for the Washington community chest.

Commenting on Noyes' statement, the A. F. of L.'s weekly news service pointed out that this "unspeakable poverty" is caused by the low wages and excessive living costs that prevail in Washington, due to the greed of local business men and industrialists.

Frightful Hospital Conditions

Revelations regarding conditions at the municipal hospital have created a scandal. Lack of medicines, laboratory inadequacies, insanitary conditions, shortage of doctors, and a general deplorable state of affairs are charged against this institution.

There are more kinds of police and law enforcement agencies in Washington—including J. Edgar Hoover's G-men—than in any other city in the nation, but, according to the quarterly report just issued by the department of justice, it ranks among the 10 leading crime centers of the United States.

It stands tenth in the number of murders, seventh in robberies, eighth in assaults, fifth in burglaries, sixth in thefts under $50, and seventh in automobile stealing.

A.F. OF L. WILL BOYCOTT JAPANESE GOODS

The following resolution was offered to the American Federation of Labor's convention last month and adopted. It was introduced by I. M. Ornburn at the request of the union label trades department:

Whereas the militaristic fanatics now in control of Japan are waging an undeclared war and have killed and wounded many thousands of innocent people; and

Whereas these fanatics are able to finance their atrocious activities only through dumping into the United States and other markets the products of exploited workers who are paid the equivalent of less than 5 cents per hour; and

Whereas these atrocious activities will continue only so long as the Japanese are able to secure the necessary finances through the sale of the products of their exploited workers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the union label trades department unhesitatingly call upon all members of organized labor, the friends of organized labor and all persons opposed to the unscrupulous tactics of the Japanese fanatics to boycott the products of Japan and by refusing to purchase such products, contribute toward the speedy elimination of these warlike activities.

Organized labor members are instructed not to patronize any foreign-made goods during Christmas time or any other time throughout the new year.

Affiliation with CIO Refused By Workers

In a straight "yes or no" vote of employes of the Chase Brass and Copper company, Waterbury, Conn., as to whether or not they wished to be represented in collective bargaining by a C. I. O. union, the workers voted emphatically "no."

The employe election, under direction of the regional office of the national labor relations board, brought out 422 votes, with 179 for the C. I. O., 240 against and three ballots void.

CHICAGO TEACHERS UNITE UNDER A. F. L.

Four Consolidated Unions, with 6,500 Members, Chartered by Amer. Federation of Teachers

Chicago has another "one big union," but its members are all of the same profession and it is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Consolidation of four old local unions of school teachers was effected at a recent general meeting in the civic opera house, and the new single union, now boasting a membership of 6,500, received the signal honor of getting a new charter as Local No. 1 of the American federation of teachers.

The four consolidated units include the former men teachers' union, the federation of women high school teachers, the elementary teachers' union and the playground teachers' union. With 5,000 members attending the ceremonies, the new charter was presented by Irvin Kuenzli, secretary-treasurer of the American federation of teachers, with John M. Fewkes, president of the Chicago teachers' union council, responding with a touching acceptance address.

The new local has already developed four basic objectives for which to strive immediately. These include: 1. Restoration of basic salaries in full. 2. Proper school conditions for pupils and teachers. 3. Properly qualified teachers. 4. The merit system in the public schools.

Hotel and Restaurant Union Fixes Pay Scale

Tentative Demands Adopted by 1,500 Workers at New York City Meeting

The hotel, restaurant and cafeteria employees organizing committee, New York, associated with the American Federation of Labor, following adoption of tentative demands recently, is striving for improvement of the thousands of workers employed in this calling.

Proposals made to employers include the 5-day week, time and a half for overtime, union shop, two weeks' annual vacation with pay and an advanced standard of wage rates.

The wage scale proposed embraces various employes, with minimums demanded as follows: head houseman, $35; bell boys, $7.50; elevator operators, $30; chambermaids, $18; porters, $22.50; waiters, $12; bartenders, $35, with graded scales for the maintenance, culinary and laundry departments.

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Progress Recorded By Glendale Unions

Preference for Union Members on City Work Demanded; Building Trades Start Drive Against Cheap-Labor Products

The Glendale central labor council has submitted a written request to the city council that preference be given union labor on all city construction jobs and other work, whether by contract or by day-labor. The payment of "prevailing" wage rates and conformity with "prevailing" hours of work is held as not sufficient, since the city can secure the reliable service of fully trained craftsmen and be certain of continued high grade service only by specifying union workers.

Women's union label leagues are being formed in Glendale, Pasadena and San Fernando valley towns, which are expected to prove valuable in supporting labor unions in their drives on firms declared "unfair" and in support of fair employers. The Glendale central labor council has appointed a committee to assist the ladies, who contemplate a continuous drive in the interest of union-made products and union services.

A drive is under way by building trades locals and southern California building trades councils against a flood of non-union doors, frames and window sash, reported as coming from cheap-labor mills in Washington state and New Mexico. Following a recent mass meeting, a coordinating committee has been devising legal and proper ways and means whereby union workers will refuse to handle, transport or install the non-union products.

Federal Income Is Short

During the four months beginning July 1, 1937, the federal government took in $2,007,393,652 in taxes of all kinds, less than a third of the $6,650,410,000 of total receipts President Roosevelt estimated would be paid into the treasury this fiscal year. If this rate of payment is not increased, the president's estimate will be short. However, what most people are interested in these days is a reduction of taxes paid in, not an increase.

Become union-minded and label-conscious.

SOVIETS IN SECOND INTERNATIONALE, MOVE MAY AFFECT AFL AFFILIATION

Russia's wide-flung network of labor unions joined the international federation of trade unions, commonly known as the Amsterdam or Second Internationale, according to Associated Press dispatches from Moscow.

The object is to present a solid labor front to the alarming spread of fascism.

Heretofore, the two groups have vigorously opposed each other. The soviets' national central organization of unions—the Profintern—is, of course, a 100 per cent communist body. The I. F. T. U., with the exception of the recently affiliated American Federation of Labor, is strongly socialistic.

What effect the soviet affiliation with the international federation of trade unions will have upon the A. F. of L.'s attitude toward the I. F. T. U. will not be known until details of the Moscow-Amsterdam pact are received.

Spokesmen for the A. F. of L. said they knew nothing of the terms of the arrangement and would have no comment to make until they were in possession of more information.

It was reported in the Moscow dispatches that the soviet unions had agreed to make changes in their set-ups so as to make them eligible to I. F. T. U. affiliation. The latter's constitution provides that only "free trade unions" may join. Heretofore, the I. F. T. U. has held that the unions of Russia, Italy and Germany are controlled by the dictatorship governments in those countries.

Had a Ready Answer

On one of his westward tours, Bishop Candler, of the methodist church was riding on a train when a big, strapping, uncouth ranchman or miner boarded the train and sat down beside the bishop. The newcomer sized up the bishop for several moments, then exclaimed, "Where in hell have I seen you before?"

"I don't know, I'm sure," replied the bishop. "What part of hell are you from."

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UNEMPLOYED BENEFITS TO BE PAID AFTER JANUARY 1, 1938

Unemployment compensation benefits under state laws will be paid only to "involuntarily unemployed" workers whose past employment has been covered by their state law.

Also, according to Richard M. Neustadt, regional director of the social security board, no benefits will be paid for total unemployment until the expiration of a waiting period, which in California is four weeks and in Oregon is two weeks.

Credit in computing unemployment benefits will be limited to employment performed for employers covered by the state law. The California law during the past two years has covered employers in most industrial and commercial activities who have hired eight or more workers in 20 different weeks of the calendar year. An amendment, effective with the new year, extends coverage to employers of 4 or more workers.

Agricultural labor and domestic service are the principal occupations not covered by the state legislation.

Unemployed Must Register

"In applying for benefits the unemployed worker must register at his local employment service office" Neustadt explained today. "At the same time he must register for a job. If the employment service is unable to place the worker in suitable employment and if the worker cannot find a job by his own efforts, he can claim benefits for each week of total unemployment after his waiting period expires.

"In California where the waiting period is four weeks the fifth week of unemployment will be the 'first compensable week'."

In Oregon, which requires a two-week waiting period, the third week of total unemployment will be the first compensable week.

Neustadt said that all states compute the duration of benefits to covered unemployed workers and the amount of the weekly benefit check upon the basis of the worker's past employment record.

Benefits After January 1

Workers quitting their jobs without cause will be subjected to a waiting period usually twice as long as those whose unemployment is due to plant layoffs or other causes over which the worker has no control. Neustadt explained that the waiting period of two to four weeks is the "normal" waiting period and that all states impose an extended waiting period on the worker who quits without cause or is discharged for misconduct.

Partial benefits are payable to those partially unemployed after January 1, provided their earnings are less than the benefits that would be due them if they were totally unemployed.

The partially unemployed worker will also have to register at an employment service office to claim benefits. State commissions will issue regulations so that this prescribed registration will not interfere with his part-time job.

California and Oregon will receive applications for unemployment benefits after January 1, 1938 along with nineteen other states and the District of Columbia.

Those unemployed now and not already registered with the state employment service should register now, said Neustadt, although no applications for benefits can be made until after the first of the year.

MACHINISTS WIN WAGE INCREASE

One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Recent Agreements Negotiated in 40 Cities

Another enviable record for bona fide trade unionism in raising the living standards of the workers through union areements with employers is revealed in a current report by H. W. Brown, general vice president of the intrenational association of machinists, covering the activites and achevements of the assocation in widely separated communities.

The report reveals that during the six weeks ending November 1, 1937, the machinists association negotiated 128 agreements in 40 cities. A lareg number of the agreements obtained higher wage rates and shorter hours for union members together with time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holiday work in most instances. In addition, provision for paid vacations was included in a number of the agreements.

Twenty-four Agreements in Lake Charles

With regard to the number of agreements in the same town, Lake Charles, Louisiana, carried off the banner. There the machinists' union negotiated union shop agreements with 27 garage owners. Anaconda, Montana, is second on the list with union shop agreements negotiated with 16 garage owners.

Then comes Provo, Utah, with seven agreements with garage owners, followed by Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with six union shop agreements and Joliet, Illinois, with five.

Typical Wage Increases

A survey of the wage increases secured by a few of the agreements indicates the sterling character of the work performed by the machinists' union.

In Cleveland, Ohio, an agreement negotiated with the officials of Cuyahoga county resulted in a five cent per hour wage increase, establishing a minimum hourly rate of $1.25 for auto mechanics and $1.40 for foremen.

The union employes of the entire production department of the Ohio Thermometer company, Springfield, Ohio, secured wage increases ranging from 12½ per cent to 25 per cent.

In Toledo, Ohio, the employes of the drop forge die department of the Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., won an agreement with wage increases ranging from 10 to 30 cents per hour.

A five cent per hour wage increase at a later date were included in a memoranda of understanding with the Fairfield Manufacturing company of La Fayette, Indiana.

An agreement with the Denning Motor Transfer company of Indianapolis, included wage increases ranging from seven cents to 25 cents per hour.

At Port Huron, Michigan, an agreement negotiated by Lodge No. 218 of the machinists' association, acting in cooperation with Federal Labor Union No. 18796, with the Mueller Brass company provided for a wage increase of five cents per hour.

Big Pay Boost for Joliet Wall Paper Workers

A union shop agreement with five wall paper companies in Joliet, Illinois, carried increased wage rates ranging from 15 cents to 30 cents an hour. The companies were Lennon Wall Paper company, Superior Wall Paper company, Atlas Wall Paper company, Joliet Wall Paper company and Midwest Wall Paper company.

Jumping to Lake Charles, Louisiana, the machinists' association negotiated agreements with 27 garage owners providing for adjustments under the flat rate system which increased the earnings of a portion of the mechanics from 10 to 20 per cent.

Agreements with five garage owners of Deer Lodge, Montana, provided for a wage increase of ten cents per hour.

Joint Agreement in Seattle

In Seattle, Washington, an agreement negotiated by the metal trades council with which the machinists' association is a party brought a 13 cents per hour wage increase for machinists and five cents an hour increase for machinists' helpers employed in the shipbuilding and ship repair yards of Seattle and vicinity. In addition an agreement with the Consolidated freight lines included a wage increase of ten cents per hour, and an agreement with the Globe Union Battery company, following a short strike, increased wage rates approximately 30 per cent and reduced the length of the work-week from 48 to 40 hours.

In Hollywood, California, an agreement with the Mitchell Camera corporation granted a wage increase of ten cents per hour to machinists and five cents per hour to apprentices, and a contract finalized with the Motion Picture Electric Products. (Bardwell McAllister) carried wage increases upward to 26 cents per hour.

Turning to San Diego, California, the machinists' association secured a wage increase of 10 cents per hour in an agreement negotiated with the Standard Iron works.

Shortest R. R. in U. S. A.

It is said to be the Cassville and Exeter line of Southwestern Missouri which is 4.6 miles long. Dave Dingler is president" as well as owner, engineer and, in fact, the entire staff of this railroad. Its one train makes the round trip between the two terminals three times a week, transporting fruit, livestock, wood, coal, and occasionally a passenger. The revenue, less operating expenses, leaves Dingler about $250 a month net returns.

Automatic Dimmers

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Thousands Discharged By Railroad Companies

But Car Loadings Increase and Higher Freight Rates Are Asked From Interstate Commission

Wholesale dismissals of railroad employes by leading carriers threaten to bring havoc to the lives of thousands of workers and their families. Three large roads alone were reported to have dropped 20,000 employes since the first of September. The three were the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio.

Although complaining of failing business, the association of American railroads itself revealed at a monthly meeting in Washington, D. C., that car loadings gained this year over last. From the period from January 1 through September 18, 1937, car loadings totaled 28,198,399, or nearly 3,000,000 more than in 1936. In the meantime, also, the interstate commerce commission has been petitioned by class 1 carriers to grant higher freight rates on the so-called heavy commodity list.

In the meantime, organizations composed of railroad workers were fighting dismissals and striving to protect workers who are forced out of employment, through advancing age, railroad curtailments or other reasons.

Speaking to Pole

Shanghai, China, and San Francisco, California, are connected by radio-telephone but for some strange reason talk over this system of communication is audible only about one hour in twenty-four. The radio-telephone circuit, of course, takes the shortest distance between the two points and crosses almost directly over the north pole. It is believed that the atmospheric and electrical disturbances in the polar region has something to do with the interference of communication.

Wedding 14 Yrs. Late

In 1923, Peter Godel and Mary Antola went to the courthouse in South Bend, Ind., and got a marriage license. They thought that was all there was to getting married and had no ceremony of any kind. When they learned just the other day that they had never been married legally, they sent for a priest post haste, and had this little detail attended to, fourteen years late.

E. H. THEIS DIES

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Judge Reynolds Prohibits Anti-Union Firm From Directly or Indirectly Interfering With Contracts Finalized by Building Trades Unions

A modern version of the "Man Bites Dog" story recently came out of Columbus, Ohio, when nineteen local unions associated with the Columbus building trades council resorted to a court injunction, a method long employed by "the other side" and followed similar action in this instance.

The Franklin county court of common pleas, with Judge Dana F. Reynolds presiding, issued a temporary injunction protecting the closed shop contracts between unions and the major construction concerns of Columbus, thus halting attempted sabotage of those contracts by open-shoppers, according to George A. Starin, council secretary.

Action foliowed securing of an injunction by the Anderson Haulage company, non-union firm, against building trades unions restraining them from refusing to accept material delivered to union jobs by non-union truck drivers.

Here Is Judge Reynolds' Edict

The union's injunction, based on the sanctity of contract, restrains the haulage firm in two distinct ways:

1. From committing any and all acts that will directly or indirectly interfere with the contractual reations now existing or that may hereafter exist between the unions and their employers.

2. From sending non-union employes to perform or do any work or labor on any building project which is now being, or in the future may be, carried on under contract between the unions or any of them and their employer requiring the exclusive use of union labor on said building project.

The action created widespread interest, because it again recognizes the right of unions and fair employers to enter into closed shop contracts with full protection of the law.

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Peace Makers Meet Again December 21

With the AFL-CIO peace conference recessed until December 21, after last week's parleys ended in another deadlock, Washington newspaper men are engaging in guessing contests as to whether the outlook for a reunion of the two warring groups is dark or bright.

Pessimistic observers believe that when the conference resumes it will last only long enough for the conferees to wish each other a "Merry Christmas" and then come to a final and definite break.

Other observers view the situation with much more optimism. They find many encouraging factors in the situation and are envisioning a peace treaty being hung on labor's Christmas tree.

Labor leaders here say they do not favor the return of the CIO-communist group and don't care much whether an agreement is reached or not.

"The trouble makers are not wanted," they said.

UNCLE'S CREDIT GOOD; BIG RUSH FOR BONDS

Critics who have been contending that the administration's recovery policies are "ruining" Uncle Sam's credit were made to look silly this week by an overwhelming public response to the treasury's one-day offer of $450,000,000 of new securities.

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PAINTERS' NOTES

Another one of the old timers, commonly called the grand old man of unionism, Brother John Lambert, has been on the sick list for some time and would appreciate the brothers dropping in on him at 2217 Telegraph avenue. We hope for his speedy recovery as the old coffee pot is being hard hit and the watch dog of the treasury will put a stop to this nonsense as he calls it as soon as he returns.

We are glad to report that dear brother Buck Groff is doing much better the last few days. Guess we will have another meeting of that good old K. 9 club soon.

All the other sick members are improving nicely.

The new joint committee is going right to town and we expect to hear of some fine work being done soon.

If you know of any member who does not receive the Labor Journal tell him to get in touch with the financial secretary as we are trying to bring this Journal to every member.

Don't forget that Sherwin Williams products are still manufactured under non-union conditions and you can help your sister local by refraining from using these products.

We would also like to remind the brothers when doing their shopping to ask the clerk for his union button and if he cannot show one ask for a clerk who does have one and also help these union people along who in turn will ask for union painters when they have work done.

We think that the next meeting of the local may be the last meeting in the old building if the brothers will drop in and give a hand to Brother Miller who is in charge of the painting on the new labor temple.

We are trying to find out who the lady is who objects to her husband expectorating out the window of the car and thereby forces him to resume the use of the old Bull Durham.

PRESS IS HIT FOR IGNORING STRIKES

Charges made by organized labor that daily newspapers frequently suppress bona fide news stories which may be displeasing to big advertisers were aired this week in congress by Congresswoman Virginia E. Jenckes of Indiana.

She called attention to the fact that one of the largest department stores in Washington—Woodward & Lothrop—is being picketed by the painters' union, but not one daily paper in the national capital carries the story that this firm is involved in labor difficulties.

Strikes which do not involve advertisers are considered "big news" by Washington papers. When the same painters' union was picketing government buildings recently the newspapers printed story after story and illustrated them profusely with photographs of the pickets.

Mrs. Jenckes brought out the point that a department store labor controversy is not cinsidered "news," but a strike against a non-advertiser is "played up."

After pointing out that the Woodward & Lothrop firm refuses to employ members of organized labor, "while all other department stores in the District of Columbia do employ union craftsmen," and as a result is being picketed by 75 to 100 members of the union, Mrs. Jenckes said:

"The strange phenomenon of this situation, in which it differs from others, is that organized labor is totally unable to get its story before the public through the usual channels.

"It has been reported to me that Woodward & Lothrop department store is one of the largest purchasers and users of advertising in the local Washington papers."

This company, she said, has made "large profits" and "it would be of interest to congress to know to what extent those who invest their labor and devote their lives to the service of this company also participate in the profits, by means of a fair wage under proper working conditions, commensurate with an American standard of living."

RESULTS OF PGE BALLOT TUESDAY

Ballots cast by Pacific Gas and Electric employes to determine which union will represent them in negotiations with the company will be counted next Monday, Mrs. Alice M. Rosseter, regional labor board director, announced today. The results may be known by next Thursday.

The voting ended Tuesday for 7600 of the construction workers. Ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of observers from the California gas and electrical employes' union.

The second election to determine the agent for 176 employes of the company's street railway and bus system in Sacramento was held Wednesday. Ballots in that election will be counted Tuesday in the regional office. Rivals in that election are the AFL amalgamated street and electric railway and motor coach employes' union, the U. E. R. W. and the California union.

BUY ONLY UNION LABEL CHRISTMAS GIFTS, SAYS LABEL DEPARTMENT HEAD

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unions by the women members of the labor unionists' families has become a great economic factor in the cause of collective bargaining. Through their purchasing power women can become a more effective factor through the collective buying of union label products and the patronizing of union services. part in the educational activities of every locality. The support of labor

In order to retain our high standards which surpass those of any other country in the world, we are asking the women of America to purchase only "fair" merchandise upon which is displayed the union label. This union label is the trademark of the organized labor movement. It is the only guarantee that the products are made in America. It gives the only assurance that the merchandise is not made in sweatshops by underpaid women and child labor. The buying of union label goods is one of the greatest remedies for the complete recovery of the masses in America.

Patroniz American Industry

It is more important now for the American consumer to buy union label products and patronize union services than it has been in any period of our history. Industry has also taken advantage of new and modern machinery which is displacing millions of workers. Organized labor advocates the only remedy. It is shorter hours. With a shorter work day and shorter work week more Americans can obtain jobs. In just the degree that the higher wages, demanded by organized labor, have increased the purchasing power of Americans, so has the shortening of the working hours increased employment and thus made it possible for many workers to retain their present jobs.

While there have been increased profits for the larger industries and corporations in America, we still have the millions of idle workers who have no incomes. These large corporations have been able to increase their credit ratings and thereby were able to modernize their plants in a high degree with modern equipment and machinery. This modernization may make these industries more efficient in mass producton but it proportionately decreases purchasng power and mass consumption. Whenever machinery displaces human hands, it also reduces the buying power. As a consequence, there is a slowing down of recovery.

American labor has never stood in the way of progress but when new and scientific inventions have displaced human beings and deprived them of the right to earn a decent living, the American labor movement has demanded shorter hours in order to create more jobs for individual workers. We must divide the jobs and spread the prosperity.

In addition to these two great remedies advocated by American labor to cure depressions, there is one more practical means of bringing about better times. It is the giving of the American market to the American workers and American farmers. No remedial legislation that has yet been proposed would bring permanent prosperity as quickly as higher wages, shorter hours and patronizing American industry. If they are not made the law of the land, all these definite cures for our present economic ills can be brought about through the volunteer efforts of American consumers. They can be brought about by using our collective buying power in patronizing the workers who have set these high standards in our American life.

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RICHARDSON BACKS COLLECTIVE RIGHTS OF CITY EMPLOYES

George J. Richardson, secretary-treasurer, international association of fire fighters, of which local, No. 55, of Oakland is an affiliate, made the following comment on the right of city employes to bargain collectively with public officials:

"Speaking in regard to city employes, I believe there is every reason to believe that collective bargaining in the public service can be realized 100 per cent.

"The right of workers to bargain collectively has been established by law in the United States; and the fact that this law does not cover city employes is in no wise to be interpreted as a failure to recognize that such employes should also have this legal right. The exception of state, county and municipal employes, as well, of course, as those of the federal government, from the provisions of the Wagner labor relations act, is due solely to the fact that the constitution of the United States does no allow the federal government to legislate in matters affecting the relationships of states, counties, or municipalities or political subdivisions thereof and their employes.

"There is certainly no reason, however, why anyone should believe that the employes of a city should not have the same right to be represented by their own collective bargaining agency in negotiations with their employer concerning wages, hours, etc., that other workers are guaranteed by law. Certainly, also, there is no reason to believe that city employes, if allowed to be so represented by their chosen bargaining agency, will be unreasonable or arbitrary in their requests. Our experience has shown that invariably the members of our association, when it has been proven to them (especially during the depression years), that their cities were unable to pay even the wage scales that had been in effect, willingly and cheerfully accepted deductions in pay, until such time as the cities were again able to pay the basic wage scales.

"I believe that the public service could serve as a splendid example of the real benefits to employer as well as employe of 100 per cent collective bargaining."

AFL UNIFORM WAGE-HOUR BILL BEATEN AFTER LONG BATTLE

House Accepts "Indefinite Bill As Submitted By Administration; Means Lower Minimum

An attempt to sidetrack the administration wage-hour bill in favor of a more important measure sponsored by the American Federation of Labor failed in the house Wednesday night. The vote, by tellers, was 162 to 131.

The substitute, which would have imposed uniform wage-hour standards instead of the more indefinite ones in the administration bill, provided the first major test of the leadership's strength on this legislation.

Opposed Program

The federation's proposal was that minimum wages of 40 cents an hour and maximum hours of 40 a week be specified in the law. The administration bill would give an administrative agency power to fix wage standards, "within limits."

The AFL bitterly opposed such a grant of power because it said the functioning of another agency with broad powers, the national labor relations board, had been unsatisfactory.

Machines Menace Jobs; 300 Hat Makers Strike

Labor's resistance to the machine which takes their jobs, long a vital subject and likely to remain so until adequate provision is made for the protection of workers, was again one of the basic reasons for a strike at Norwalk, Conn. of over 300 employes of the Hodshon-Berg Hat company division of the hat corporation of America. The men opposed installation of a machine that would, it was stated, eliminate skilled labor. A demand for increased pay, refused by the company, was the second cause of the walkout.

POLICE ARREST CIO EDITOR AND LEADER OF REDS

Kent, Leader of Communist Party, Arrested in L. A. on Robbery Charges

In what Los Angeles police claim "will clean up several large burglary jobs," Arthur Kent, said to be a director of the Tom Mooney defense committee, admitted Tuesday burglaries of thirteen southern California mansions.

Kent said when arrested, "I did it for the sake of the communist party. I turned over the proceeds to the party."

Named in Kent's confession and arrested later at a downtown hotel was Tom S. Johnson, 35, a member of the communist party and editor of the industrial unionist, official publication in Los Angeles of the committee for industrial organization.

Johnson emphatically denied later any knowledge of or connection with Kent's lawbreaking activities.

Besides Johnson, seven other persons were named in Kent's detailed confession. They were being sought for questioning.

Kent, who also was known as Arthur Scott and as James Allen.

Detectives said that as "James and Jean Allen," Kent and his wife were carried on the rolls of the communist party.

For reasons such as this California State Federation of Labor in convention assembled demanded an accountant of the Mooney defense committee before any more moneys are given by the AFL unions. All moneys for the release of Mooney must now go through the state office instead of directly to the defense committee, according to the resolution passed last September.

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This agreement provides for a 10 per cent wage increase, the eight-hour day and 44-hour-week, time and one-half pay for overtime up to four hours and double time for all over that and for Sunday and holiday work.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANNERY WORKERS FORMED IN CALIFORNIA

With representatives of more than 75,000 A. F. of L. members of various unions in the agricultural industry as a nucleus, the national council of agricultural workers authorized by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., was formed in San Jose last Sunday.

By vote of the delegates present from all parts of California, the national council of agricultural workers supersedes the original California state council of cannery workers. It now includes, or will shortly, representatives of all the field workers, shed workers, cannery workers, dried fruit and nut packers, winery workers and other groups dependent on various branches of the agricultural industry and horticultural industry for employment.

Charles W. Real, Oakland, Alameda county vice president of the California state federation of labor, was named as president of the council as the result of his services in organizing and promoting the dissolved California state counci of cannery workers.

Rosco F. Vatuone, San Jose, secretary of Santa Clara county Cannery Workers' Union No. 20852, is first vice president; Harry H. Pacheco, San Jose, financial secretary-treasurer; and Theresa De Costa, Sacramento, recording secretary.

The next meeting of the national council will be held in Oakland in January, the delegates decided.

Edward D. Vandeleur, executive secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, who has been active in the formation of the national council under orders from President Green, addressed the delegates on a number of important matters incident to the organization.

Vandeleur repeated previous warnings as to the seriousness of the situation in the prune industry due to an unmarketable surplus, and urged all members of organized labor to take an active part in aiding in the disposition of the surplus for the benefit of labor and business in general.

Considerable criticism of the national labor relations board and its representatives in activities favoring C. I. O. organizations developed at the meeting.

Delegates of the various unions were made a committee of the whole, along with the executive boards of their unions, to assemble data in the various branches of the industry to be used in negotiations with employers next year.

Numerous routine matters and unification of activities were discussed. Following the meeting the delegates were guests of Cannery Workers' Union No. 20852, San Jose, at dinner.

"Judging from the inquiries we have had from cannery and other agricultural groups in various states, there is no question about the interest in the national council," Vandeleur said. We will proceed cautiously and in accordance with instructions of the American Federation of Labor, and ultimately the national council may be turned into a national union of agricultural workers, embracing every worker who is dependent, directly or indirectly, on products of the soil for employment."

ECCLES AND JONES FAVOR HOUSING AID

FRB and RFC Heads Vision Large Increase in Demand For Homes Costing $6,000 or Less

The vital subject of a vast extension of private construction of dwellings, with government aid where possible, as suggested by President Roosevelt to provide needed dwellings, increase employment and aid the return of prosperity, is receiving increasing attention since the recent conference to start the "earmarking" of funds under the U. S. housing authority's $526,000,000 slum clearance program.

The conference was intended merely to formulate policies and procedure under the proposed program, which Administrator Nathan Straus is attempting to get under way as speedily as practicable.

Eccles Urges Cheaper Financing

In the meantime, the house banking and currency committee, in hearings preparatory to liberalization of the federal housing act to stimulate the construction industry, in accordance with the president's suggestion, brought out many constructive statements from men in a position to speak authoritatively. Among these was Marriner S. Eccles, governor of the federal reserve board, who declared that he knew of "no financial mechanism that is available or that could be created or enlarged that is as well able to take care of the financing of homes to rent, and homes to own, than is the federal housing law and the proposed amendments."

The senate and house have been considering identical bills, which would amend the federal housing act to make possible a smaller down payment on homes costing $6,000 or less and to encourage lower interest rates.

Amendments proposed would make possible 80 to 90 per cent loans, at 5 per cent interest, plus a quarter of one per cent for federal housing administration insurance and mortgages. Mr. Eccles testified that this "is a low financng cost by comparison with anything we have ever been accustomed to in this country."

Jones Visions $30 Monthly Cost

Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the reconstruction finance corporation, declared that the proposed program would enable families to build homes at a cost of about $30 per month, based upon a $5,000 home, and that he believed home builders could obtain $5,000 mortgages at a cost slightly less than $30 per month, with amortization within twenty years.

Fish Wants Lower Service Charges

Representative Fish of New York, who represents the president's home district in congress, came out strongly for the housing program, but insisted that a still lower interest rate might be established. "I think the government should take a loss by carrying some of these administrative expenses," the congressman declared, "in order to accomplish the purposes of this program." It is estimated that administrative expenses in handling loans for small homes would run from one and a half to two per cent.

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STATE SECRETARY MAKES APPEAL TO SAVE PRUNE IND.

Labor Secretary Appeals to President, Senators and Congressmen for Help

An appeal to President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, California senators and congressmen, President Green of the American Federation of Labor, and various governmental agencies to give immediate aid in disposing of California's prune surplus was sent out this week by Edward D. Vandeleur, executive secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

"Since the campaign to dispose of California's prune surplus, for the benefit of the worker and business in general, was instituted, I find that the actual surplus approximates about 272,000 tons," Vandeleur said.

"I have found that the situation is more serious than it first appeared, and in behalf of the workers in the agricultural industry, and others dependent on them or their business, it has been decided to ask for direct and immediate governmental aid.

"The surplus is a nominal matter when considered on a national basis, but a very important one to our California prune growers and the labor they employ.

"While we have urged action by governmental agencies, it would be well for labor to continue its campaign amongst its own members to induce purchase of boxes of surplus prunes before the holidays.

"We must not forget that if we do something for the farmer he will be in a more receptive mood when negotiation time arrives. And if we succeed in helping him dispose of this surplus, labor as well as all lines of business will benefit.

"And any and all cooperation that any member, or organization in the labor movement can give to bring about disposition of our prune surplus will be a good investment."

C. S. EMPLOYES PROTEST MISUSE OF "TAXEATER" IN THEIR RESOLUTION

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the delegates present at the seventh annual convention of the California federation of civil service associations held recently in Fresno.

Presented by San Francisco municipal civil service association.

Misuse of the terms "tax-eaters and tax-wasters"

Whereas, The public press is continually attacking and cartooning governmental officials and employees by characterizing them as tax-wasters and tax-eaters; and

Whereas, We believe the real intent of such newspaper attack is to call attention to the evils of the "spoils system," which has been used by unscrupulous politicians to the detriment of the merit system, which merit system this federation is pledged to protect on behalf of those honest, loyal and efficient public servants who have procured their position as a result of competitive civil service examinatons; and

Whereas, We call the attention of our fellow citizens to the incontestable fact that of all the disbursements of funds by the citizens, the small faction used for the public service under the merit system; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we call upon the publishers and editors of our newspapers to bear in mind that money spent in maintaining a public service under the merit system is money well and judiciously spent, and that the lampooning and caricaturing, if any, should be limited to its rightful field—that is, the field of the "spoils system" which every decent American must and should condemn.